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Ada, Oklahoma

Annual Meeting And Festival begins September 30



"A NEW DAY DAWNING"

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TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation's annual week-long celebration of tribal culture and heritage is set for September 30-October 7 in Tishomingo. The 46th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 18th Annual Chickasaw Festival will once again welcome thousands of Chickasaws and guests.

Many events will take place at the historic capitol of the Chickasaw Nation, as well as Ada and Kullihoma stomp grounds.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby will deliver the annual "State of the Nation" address 9 a.m. Saturday, October 7 at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College

in Tishomingo.

"We always look forward to this time of year," Gov. Anoatubby said. "The annual meeting and festival is a great time for Chickasaw families to gather and celebrate our culture and history."

Immediately following the "State of the Nation" address, the traditional parade will proceed down Tishomingo's Main Street.

The traditional Chickasaw Lunch will be served on the Murray State campus at noon Saturday.

Cultural and dance troupe

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'A New Day Dawning'

Media: Colored Pencil/Prisma Marker

Artist: Jeannie Barbour, Chickasaw

Models used for the art work: Lorie Robins and Pamela Aguilar. Both ladies are Chickasaw citizens.

This year's art work, at left, was created especially for the 2006 Chickasaw Festival and Annual Meeting celebrating the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 1856 Chickasaw Constitution. In the piece, two Chickasaw ladies are reading the Chickasaw Intelligencer, an Indian Territory newspaper. (The newspaper was established in 1854 in Post Oak Grove). The ladies are reading announcements regarding events and activities associated with Chickasaw attempts to establish a new government in August 1856.

Chickasaw voters elect legislators, judge

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission conducted a tribal election for five seats of the tribal legislature and one seat for tribal judge on August 22, 2006.

The election saw three legislators returned to office, one incumbent defeated, one runoff race, and a tribal judge returned to the bench.

Pontotoc District, seat 1 legislative incumbent Holly Easterling, of Pontotoc, was handily reelected. Mrs. Easterling tallied

2,002 votes, or 65.73%. Dr. Debra D. Vaughn, of Purcell, received 541 votes, or 17.76%, and Heath Allison, of Ada, received 503 votes or 16.51%.

Pickens District, seat 1 incumbent Wilson Seawright was defeated. Challenger David Woerz, of Ardmore, garnered 1,105 votes, or 50.43%. Mr. Seawright, of Ardmore, received 1,086 votes.

In Pickens District, seat 4, incumbent Wanda Blackwood Tippet Scott, of Elmore City,

received 894 votes or 39.79%. Challenger Sue Simmons, of Ardmore, received 625 votes, or 27.81%. Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Simmons now face off in a runoff election. Runoff ballots will be counted September 19.

Linda Blackwood Harris, of Elmore City, received 505 votes, or 22.47%, and Sherri Sanders, of Pauls Valley, received 223 votes or 9.92 %.

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**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
July 21, 2006**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Members absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Hidene Gardner, Patrick Kennedy, Ron Frazier, Sue Simmons, Juanita Tate, Kerri McDonald, Linda Harris, Russ Stick, Jessie Kemp, Nell Goforth

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - June 16, 2006

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve the June 16, 2006 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2006, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number GR23-088, Approval of Development Budget Amendment

This building is presently used by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Administrative Services. Human Resources and some Information Technology functions are located at this site. There is a need for this building to be remodeled. It is one of the focal points of the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters campus. For many people and especially new employees, this building will be their introduction to tribal facilities. The building should reflect the vision and mission of the Chickasaw Nation Executive Branch. This building has had water and sewer issues in the past and interior walls, ceilings, floors and finishes have been damaged. The newly installed roof has given this building a new exterior appearance and this remodeling project will complete the upgrade. This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget in the amount of \$860,128 for the Human Resources Building Remodel.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-088.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-088 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

No report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 23-082, Approval of Lease Agreement

This resolution approves any needed revisions to the lease agreement between the Archaeological Conservancy and the Chickasaw Nation, for property in Lee County, Mississippi, for a term of 99 years and for the amount of \$10 and hereby authorizes Governor Bill Anoatubby to negotiate any additional terms. The property will be used for the tribe to build an educational and interpretive center.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR23-082.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-082 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-083, Oil and Gas Lease in LeFlore County (Tribal Tract No. 7)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of GHK Potato Hills Limited Partnership, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The lease is an acceptable bid of \$188.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$940.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$235.00, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. It contains 10.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$15.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$3.75 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR23-083.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-083 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-084, Right-of-Way Easement in Love County (Thackerville-Parcel No. 1)

This resolution authorizes and approves a right-of-way granted to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for acquiring additional property for road improvements (Merle Wolfe Road) for I-35 from Exit 1 Interchange North 2.4 miles to Rogers Road and Rogers Road to US-77 South of Thackerville, Oklahoma. The easement contains 8.76 acres, more or less. Compensation is being waived as the Chickasaw Nation's contribution to the road's project.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR23-084.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-084 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-085, Right-of-Way Easement in Love County (Thackerville-Parcel No. 2)

This resolution authorizes and approves a Right-of-Way granted to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for acquiring additional property for road improvements (Interstate 35) containing 3.85 acres, more or less. Compensation is being waived as the Chickasaw Nation's contribution to the road's project.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR23-085.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-085 carried unanimously.

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Bill Anoatubby
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Deadline for submission is the 22nd of each month prior to publication. Submissions can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or e-mailed.

Make plans to attend Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival!

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

It is almost that special time of year for all Chickasaws to come together and celebrate during the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival!

I sincerely hope you and your family will come and join us for this very special time together. This year marks the 46th Annual Meeting and the 18th Festival. This is always a wonderful time for family, friends and fellowship.

Our Annual Meeting and Festival have certainly grown over the years. Thousands of Chickasaws, friends and neighbors now make the trip to our historic capitol city of Tishomingo, Okla-

homa each year. The Annual Meeting and Festival run from September 30 through October 7, and this year promises to be a great experience for everyone.

Area school children will come visit us and enjoy educational and cultural tours and demonstrations throughout the week.

The Chickasaw Princess Pageant will be conducted the evening of October 2 at the Ada Cougar Activity Center on the campus of Ada High School. Young Chickasaw ladies will vie for the honor of representing our tribe during the upcoming year, and our outgoing royalty will be honored. You will enjoy the knowledge, talent and beauty of these very special young Chickasaws.



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

The popular Cultural Evening will be at Kullihoma the afternoon and evening of October 3. The Chickasaw Living History Players will present historic vignettes in the mountain house and visitors will enjoy a barbecue dinner together.

Everyone will enjoy the annual Chickasaw Artists Exhibi-

tion October 6 and 7. This is a great opportunity to view some of the finest art from many accomplished Chickasaw artists.

Saturday, October 7, is traditionally the biggest day of our weeklong events. Following my delivery of the State of the Nation address at Murray State College, we will all enjoy the annual parade along Tishomingo's Main Street. Immediately following the parade, we will all gather for the traditional Chickasaw Lunch.

Throughout the day there will be plenty of exhibitions, demonstrations and activities to enjoy. The Chickasaw Dance Troupe will perform, and the annual Band Day Extravaganza will once again present some of the best Oklahoma high school

bands. Kids and adults will enjoy all the activities at Pennington Park. Many Chickasaws will participate in the softball, golf and horseshoe tournaments.

It is natural for us to celebrate our Chickasaw heritage and culture together, and the Annual Meeting and Festival are the culmination of our Chickasaw experience. You don't want to miss the gathering that brings so many Chickasaws from such a wide range of locations. You may not have been to Annual Meeting and Festival for a while, and this year is a great time to come home.

We've been waiting to see you again. Please come join us and rediscover the magic of your tribe, our past, and our future together.

Chickasaw Princess Pageant set for October 2 at Ada High

ADA, Okla. – Three young women will be selected Chickasaw royalty during the 2006-2007 Chickasaw Princess Pageant. The pageant is set for 6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 2, at the Ada High School Cougar Activity Center.

Chickasaw Princess, Junior Chickasaw Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw will be announced during the ceremony.

The new Chickasaw royalty will begin their reigns a few days later when Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby crowns them at the Chickasaw Annual Meeting.

Princess candidates are judged on interviewing skills, traditional Chickasaw dress, answering random questions, talent competition and poise on stage.

The royalty will have the honor and privilege of representing the Chickasaw Nation at various functions and events across Oklahoma and the U.S.

The Chickasaw princesses have been making appearances for many years. The heritage of the princesses goes back to 1963 when Ranell (James) Harry, daughter of former Chickasaw Governor Overton James, was

appointed the first princess.

Current Chickasaw royalty completing their reigns are Chickasaw Princess Tamela Alexander, Junior Chickasaw

Princess Jaisen Monetathchi and Little Miss Chickasaw Hailey Taylor.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Annual Meeting and Festival, continued from page 1

demonstrations, Chickasaw Artists exhibition, Band Day Extravaganza, horseshoe tourna-

ment, fast pitch softball tournament and more will be enjoyed by festival-goers.

The much-anticipated launch of the newly-published book "Chickasaws" will take place at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Tishomingo.

Festival events and activities will be conducted on the grounds of the historic Chickasaw capitol, Pennington Park, Murray State College campus, Johnston County Sports complex and other venues.

Several events have been scheduled to take place throughout the week. These include the Chickasaw Princess Pageant, Junior Olympics, softball and golf tournaments, Youthful Celebration, cultural tours and demonstrations, Heritage Preservation Awards, kids' "Fun to Learn" tent, senior arts and crafts tent, JC Riding Club rodeo, and a cultural evening at Kullihoma.

For information about the Annual Meeting Festival, call (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Election Results, continued from page 1



Holly Easterling



David Woerz



Barbara Smith



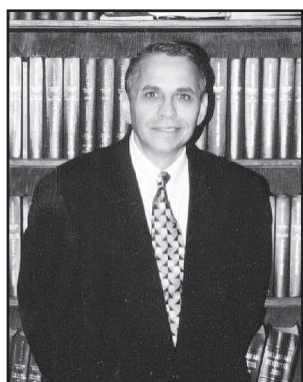
**Wanda Blackwood
Tippit Scott**



Sue Simmons



**Dr. Judy Goforth
Parker**



D. Scott Colbert

Pontotoc District, seat 2 incumbent legislator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, of Ada, and Tishomingo District, seat 1 incumbent D. Scott Colbert, of Sulphur, were unopposed and are returned to office.

Tribal judge, seat 2 incumbent Barbara Anne Smith, of Newcastle, received 4,093 votes, or 60.20%. Her challenger, Kathleen Whitfield Stoner, of

Duncan, received 2,706 votes or 39.80%.

The winning candidates will be sworn into office at 1:30 p.m., Monday, October 2, 2006 in the conference room of the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters Building, Ada, Oklahoma.

For more information contact Ms. Rita Loder, election secretary, at (580) 310-6475 or toll free 1-888-661-0137.

New hospital facility will be accessible, family-friendly



Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! The Chickasaw Nation continues to be in dire need of rain. The fire danger is critical and the agriculture businesses are certainly suffering because of the drought. We continue to pray but there is no relief in sight.

We are happy to welcome Dr. Andrew Stevens as he joins the surgical team at Carl Albert Hos-

pital. Other new assignments at the Chickasaw Nation Health System include Lisa Bumpus as the new Deputy Administrator and Sandy Sanders as the new Tribal Health Director. The Legislature was given a preview tour through the new hospital by artist renderings.

The new hospital is to be built on Stonecipher Drive in Ada. Hookups for RVs are planned for the hospital area. Family members often use RVs so that they can be close to their loved ones who are patients. Stage 2 of the construction includes provisions for a hospitality house for families to use when their loved ones are extremely ill.

I attended a meeting of the Chickasaw Historical Society last month. Membership is open to anyone at the low cost of \$20 per year. Membership entitles a person to receive copies of *the Chickasaw Journal*, a quarterly magazine that contains stories of our people, our history and heritage. Membership is a wonderful way to support the work of the Historical Society and to

learn a lot of our history.

The Hall of Fame Induction and Banquet was especially nice this year. The location was changed which allows many more people to attend. Congratulations to the inductees and their families: James E. Amerson, Charles David Carter, Mary Stone McClendon and Catherine Pickens Willmond. We are so very proud of all our Hall of Fame members!!

Administrator Bill Lance submits the following statistics: In

the month of July, 2006, there were 240 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 14,049. July Emergency Room visits were 1,011. July saw 221 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,230 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,241 patients in July. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,890 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,125. The Durant Clinic saw 2,747 patients and

the Purcell Clinic saw 1,545 in July.

Until next month, may you each enjoy good health. I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

Education funding makes good sense



Wanda Blackwood Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

cured supplemental funding in the amount of \$3.3 million to provide textbook and clothing grants for Chickasaw undergraduate and graduate students.

This funding makes such a terrific difference in the lives of our students! We want to be absolutely sure each student receives the proper support as he or she seeks to earn a bachelor's, master's or doctor's degree. Through education, our people can gain the tools they need to make successful careers, families and lives.

We also are very proud of our Chickasaw students who have recently been awarded scholarships by the Chickasaw Foundation. These exceptional students have competed for these scholarships and will now benefit from the resources directed through

the Foundation. Best wishes to all our students!

The 37 Chickasaw Foundation scholarship recipients for 2006 are:

Lillian Bartlett, Tatum Burris, William Kimberlin, Amber Tamez, Brett Knight, Jessica Gross, Shannon Gilbert, Mallory Wilmer, Meredith Presley, Kathryn Colbert, Chris Moody, Elliot Stamile, Brittani Stonebarger, Talina Tidmore, Parker Woodruff, Kimberly Lewis, Ambher Williams, Jason Downing, Timothy Poorbaugh, Thomas Clark, Courtney Mason, Jeremy Webb, Laci Crow, Kelly Chatfield, Tawahnah Love, Stacy Wesberry, Randall Hamilton, Stephanie Wilburn, Rina Chronister, Tisha Cully, Emily Dean, Benjamin McGuire, Edward Murphy and Terri Spain.

It is truly a good time to be a Chickasaw



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings.

I would like to take the opportunity this month to thank you for your kind words over the loss of my father, Bill F. Goforth. So many people called or sent cards, and I have come to appreciate this type of communication more than ever before

in my life. I did not really think about how fortunate I was to always have my father attend Chickasaw events with me. His presence is greatly missed, and at the same time, I realize how much he is with me because of the many qualities that he helped to instill in me.

I also want to take the opportunity to tell you that I look forward to serving you for the next three years. It always seems that we say that it is a good time to be a Chickasaw, and how true that is. Please keep calling and contacting me. . . . you are the life of my service. Also, if I have failed to respond to your contact, please realize that it is an oversight and call or email me again.

We are the great unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation.

God bless you.

Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, RN
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It is so fulfilling to see how many Chickasaw students our tribe is now assisting with their educational careers.

Just last May the Education Committee, which I chair, se-

Community council formed in Newcastle area

A meeting was conducted August 10 at the Tuttle Senior Citizens building to form Chickasaw Council for the Bridgecreek, Blanchard, Minco, Newcastle and Tuttle area.

Chickasaw representatives attending the meeting were legislator Mooniene Ogee, legislator Beth Alexander, liaison Sharon Nelson and reporter Dr. Debbie Vaughn.

They discussed with us the importance and purpose of having a council. It was voted to form a council, and officers were elected.

Jeanette Haywood of Tuttle was elected chair of the council. Betty Arbuckle of Blanchard was elected vice chair, Stephanie Young of Tuttle secretary/treasurer, and Carol Miller reporter. Council at large elected were

Malinda Wilson of Newcastle, Martha Elliott of Tuttle, Lyndell Pettenridge of Tuttle and Melvin Baumann of Tuttle.

After numerous suggestions, Northern Ponotoc Chickasaw Community Council was voted for the name of the council.

The decision was made for the meeting to be the second Thursday of every month. Meetings will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Tuttle Senior Citizens building.

We contacted as many people as we could to advise them of the meeting. We need updated contact information of all members in these areas. We encourage all Chickasaw members to attend these meetings.

Citizens At Large Help Number
For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

Programs and services to be funded as 2007 budget gains approval



Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hi, Everyone!

I hope this finds all of you staying comfortably cool and in good health. This summer's unrelenting heat has taken a toll on many.

The Tribal Annual Budget for the 2007 fiscal year was approved unanimously last Friday in our regular session. Much work was done prior to the budget being sent to the Legislature for final approval to be implemented. Members of the Legislature worked together on this enormous responsibility and we were glad for the outcome.

The fiscal year does not actually begin until the first of October each year. Approving the budget now allows the departments to plan for their efforts in the upcoming fiscal year. (The funds are not yet available to them but they know for sure they will be there when they need them).

The Department of Education especially comes to mind, with

all of the different scholarships, clothing allowances, book allowances and many other areas of assistance offered through them. We are thankful for the amount allocated to education (over \$8,000,000) this year and that we are able to dedicate that amount to such a great cause.

The policy of our Tribal Administration is to have all funds called for in the budget on deposit before we begin the new fiscal year and this extraordinary, responsible procedure ensures that all programs new fiscal year and this extraordinary, responsible procedure ensures that all programs may continue uninterrupted. We are incredibly fortunate in our Great Chickasaw Nation!!

Today is vote-counting day in the Chickasaw Nation and by the time you read this we will of course know who has won! All of us who sit in elective offices know what an anxious day today is!

Many of us who live here in the area had the opportunity of attending one of the performances of the beautiful, wonderful production of TE ATA, the story of our own Chickasaw storyteller TeAta. The performance was magnified and certainly deserving of the many accolades which have come its way. Rumors have the productions being given in Lincoln Center and/or in the Kennedy Center, and most certainly it would be worthy of the recognition.

Plans are in place for a grand

Annual Festival and it must be noted that each year we just outdo ourselves. If you can get here (Tishomingo) for this great event it will truly be worth

your efforts. On August 30 we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Chickasaw Constitution and it is a wonderful prelude in a way to the Festival that begins

September 30 and goes through the first weekend of October.

All of you be kind to yourselves and take not to overdo in the heat. God bless all of you.

'TeAta' presentation leaves wonderful impression



Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

It was nice to hear from some of you concerning last month's article on the muscle stimulator. I hope the information provided was helpful and informative. I am still checking into the Neurocare 1000 machine and will keep you posted.

The month of August is flying by and so much has happened. On August 12, 2006, I had the opportunity to attend a showing of the TeAta play at the University of Science and Arts in Chickasha, Okla. It was wonderful. The playwright, JudyLee Oliva, did an outstanding job of sharing the life of TeAta with this generation. TeAta was truly a remarkable ambassador for our people. The cast did an excellent job and the set was eye catching. I have heard that there are future plans to present the play again, if so, try to fit this in to your schedule. While in the area, my mother and I were able to take a short trip down the road to Ninnekah-home to my grandmother, Mary Annetta Collins. Her allotment land was located just outside of town. When visiting downtown Ninnekah, we met a Mr. Nye who is a life long resident. He remembered mother's uncle, Benjamin Franklin "Cowboy" Collins, II. "Cowboy" had owned the local livery stable. It was nice to hear

stories of my relatives and visit the places where they grew up. I would love to hear from anyone that might have had relatives around the Ninnekah area. (1897 - 1920's)

Recently, it was voted on by the Chickasaw citizens from Tuttle and surrounding communities to form a Chickasaw Community Council. The name of the council is the Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council. Officers were elected and meeting time were decided upon. The Council will meet the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Tuttle. If you would like to attend please contact Jeanette Haywood at (405) 381-4101.

Within this past year, several new councils have been formed. Last month *the Chickasaw Times*

ran a list of community councils, their location/meeting times, and a contact person. To know more about your Chickasaw Nation, I encourage you to check out the list and locate the one nearest you. If you would be interested in forming a Chickasaw Community Council contact Sharon Nelson at (580) 371-2040.

Annual Festival will be here soon and I look forward to meeting with you and hearing stories about your families. Until then, be blessed and thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Beth Alexander
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Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

Committee Reports

Education Committee

August 7, 2006

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Seawright, Scott Colbert

Finance Committee

August 7, 2006

Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Health Committee

August 7, 2006

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman

Human Resources Committee

August 7, 2006

Present: Dean McManus, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Scott Colbert

Absent: Donna Hartman Land Development Committee

August 7, 2006

Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Legislative Committee

August 7, 2006

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman

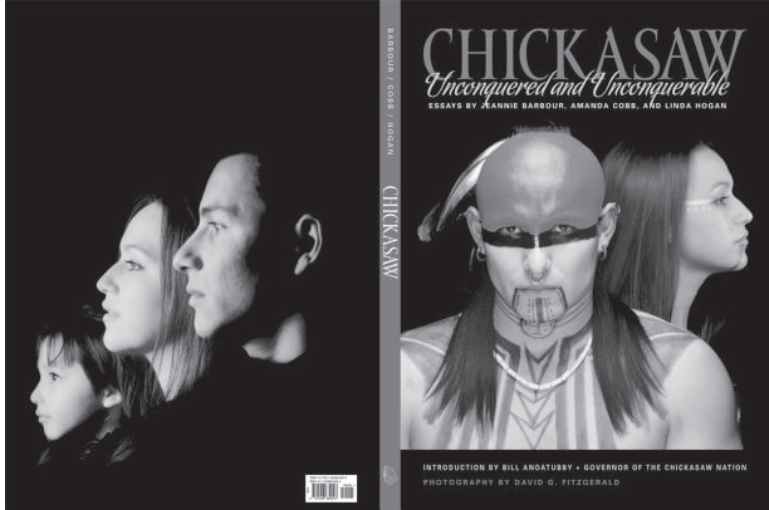
Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee

August 7, 2006

Present: Wilson Seawright, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman

Unique, enthralling 'Chickasaw' to be launched at Festival



Known for its innovative programs, businesses and services the Chickasaw Nation today announced another first: the inaugural publishing and book launch of "Chickasaw: Unconquered and Unconquerable" beginning at 1:30 on Saturday, October 7, on the historic tribal capitol grounds in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. The beautiful and vibrant hardbound book illustrates the story of the Chickasaw Nation.

"Readers will experience a story of survival, persistence, history and culture of a people not only determined to survive, but to prosper and build successful and meaningful lives," said Bill Anoatubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

Telling the proud story of the third largest Native American tribe in the United States, the 128-page book features color photography by renowned three-time Oklahoma Photographer of the Year David Fitzgerald. The volume features graphics, art, essays, recollections and memoirs of the Chickasaw people from Removal to present day.

A testament to the resilience and strength of tribal citizens, the book spotlights notables such as Mary Te Ata Thompson Fisher, beloved storyteller and actress who performed before kings and queens and broke down barriers and stereotypes for indigenous peoples from all walks of life; John B. Herrington, retired U.

S. Navy Commander and the first Native American astronaut to fly in space, he carried a Chickasaw flag presented to him by Gov. Anoatubby; Tom Cole, a U. S. representative serving in Oklahoma's 4th District and the great-grand nephew of Te Ata; Mike Larsen, named Master Artist of the Five Civilized Tribes Museum, he has captured history and revealed the spiritual hearts of those he paints and sculpts; and Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, professor of nursing at East Central University in Ada,

Okla., nationally recognized for her efforts to further culturally sensitive diabetes education and intervention.

"This book retells the story of our people and salutes them for their determination and drive," Lona Barrick, Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities Administrator, said. "Our readers will enjoy turning the pages and seeing beloved friends and family members as we invite others to experience the proud tradition of the Chickasaw."

Published by the Chickasaw

Press in association with Graphic Arts Center Publishing, the book features essays by Jeannie Barbour, Amanda Cobb, Linda Hogan and an introduction by Bill Anoatubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

Available at bookstores nationwide, it is also available for purchase online at www.gacpc.com, www.chickasaw.net and www.amazon.com. For more information, please contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, at (580) 272-5520.

August 2006 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 23-080

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, described as:

The South 84 feet of Lots 1&2 and the East 2 feet of the South 84 feet of Lot 3, Block 127 of the Original Town Site, Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma and The north 56 feet of Lots 1&2, the East 25 feet of the North 56

feet and the West 23 feet of the East 25 feet of the South 84 feet of Lot 3, Block 127 of the Original Town Site, Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: 5 0 1-509 South Townsend, Ada, Oklahoma

Use: To be utilized as an Education Intern Housing

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-081

Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget - Fiscal Year 2007

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 023-091

Approval of Development Budget Amendment

Explanation: The mission of the Chickasaw Lighthorse

Police Department is to protect the lives and property of the people they serve, to reduce the occurrence and fear of crime, preserve the peace and provide a safe environment while working in partnership with the Indian and Non-Indian communities to enhance their quality of life. Their mandate is to do so with honor and integrity, while at all times conducting themselves with the highest ethical standards to maintain the public trust.

Centralized office space is needed for all current staff and additional staff in each of the departments of the division. Additional space is needed for support and associated organizations.

Other space needs include: training areas, evidence retention areas, crime lab facilities, interrogation and investigation area, communication and monitoring center, color guard armory and K9 unit facilities. Other issues include: security/lighting, telecommunications and connectivity to CN network. The former PEC building provides adequate space for all these needs and is at a central location.

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget in the amount of \$2,948,060 for the Lighthorse Police HQ Renovation.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Linda Briggs, Committee Chair Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

2005-2006 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

<u>Pontotoc District</u> Seat #	<u>Pickens District</u> Seat #	<u>Tishomingo District</u> Seat #
1. Holly Easterling HCR 64 Box 241 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 399-4002 hollye@cableone.net	1. Wilson Seawright P.O. Box 83 Ardmore, OK 73401 (580) 223-3358	1. D. Scott Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3960
2. Judy Parker 20565 CR3560 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-3840	2. Donna Hartman HC 66, Box 122 Overbrook, OK 73448 (580) 226-4385	2. Tim Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 993-2818
3. Mooniene Ogee 20664 CR 1520 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-0533 nene@wilnet1.com	3. Linda Briggs 400 NW 4th Marietta, OK 73448 (580) 276-3493	3. Steven Woods Route 1, Box 430A Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3523
4. Dean McManus 5980 CR 3430 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 759-3407	4. Wanda Blackwood Scott Route 1, Box 42 Elmore City, OK 73433 (580) 788-4730 scottdes@telepath.com	<u>Panola District</u> Seat #
5. Mary Jo Green 2000 E. 14th Place Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-2394		1. Beth Alexander Box 246 Achille, OK 74720 (580) 283-3409

Teachers learn dynamics of art, Native culture in the classroom



Southeastern Oklahoma State University education majors Patti Schulze and Kami Gastineau work on a jewelry project presented by Crayola.

ADA, Okla. - Educators from across Oklahoma recently visited Ada to take part in an Art Integration and American Indian Cultural Workshop hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Arts in Education Department.

The three-day workshop was designed to help teachers and educators integrate art into their classroom using avenues such as math, science and history lessons. The workshop also included presentations on the elements and principles of art, integration through art disciplines and Indian culture.

Laura Morrison, tribal arts in education manager, said the reason the department wanted to host this event was to help teachers gain a working knowledge of art to better equip them to use art as a teaching tool in their own

classrooms.

"Art is important because it teaches students creative thinking and problem solving," Morrison said. "It becomes more and more important as those students graduate and enter a creative workforce where employers are looking for those qualities when hiring."

Throughout the workshop, participants were able to take part in several "hands-on" lessons including baskets, masks, jewelry and several cultural projects.

Crayola consultant Karie Hill also joined the group to share Dream Makers lessons which included a project showing how Crayola Model Magic could be used in the classroom.

Workshop participants included elementary and second-

ary school teachers, and also elementary education majors from Southeastern Oklahoma State University and staff from American Indian museums and heritage centers.

Amy VonTungeln, education specialist at the Chickasaw Council House Museum, works with children who visit the museum through Boy Scouts and Boys and Girls Clubs and wanted to learn ways to incorporate art on the job.

"I am always looking for new ideas to use in my work," she said. "Any kind of hands-on project will help the audience to better retain the information. I learned lots of new lesson plan ideas."

Lindsay (OK) Junior High and High School art teacher Valorie Beck attended a similar

workshop the tribe hosted a few years ago and was excited to participate again.

"(The workshops) have really impacted by life," she said. "The lessons are so practical. The arts are what make life good."

VonTungeln agreed saying the workshop was "thoroughly enjoyable."

"The arts in education staff was energetic and fun and made the three-day workshop go by very quickly," she said. "They put in a lot of time, effort and preparation, and it really showed. I would highly recommend their programs to anyone!"

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Revenues produced by Chickasaw businesses help fund tribal services

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government capitation includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and Lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for

education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. Depreciation will be computed after year end in connection with the audit.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending July 31, 2006

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations totaled \$73.9 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were \$3.8 million and \$26.6 year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2005, of \$82.5 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for July totaled \$54 million and \$461 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was

\$158 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$65 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At July 31, 2006, the tribal

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Ten Months Ended July 31, 2006

Revenues
Transfers from businesses to tribal government
Total funds available

Expenditures
General government
Legislature
Judiciary
Education
Heritage Preservation
Health
Youth and Family Services
Nutrition Programs
Regulatory
Assistance Programs
Transfer to Loan Program
Gaming expense
Other businesses' expense
Total expenditures
Increase in net assets
Beginning net assets
Ending net assets

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets July 31, 2006

Cash and Investments
Receivables
Inventory
Prepaid expenses
Other Assets
Fixed assets
Less payables
Net Assets

government funds had \$51 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$9.6 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$111 million in cash and investments of which \$67 million is reserved for accounts payable and \$30 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new busi-

nesses.

As of July 30, 2006, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling \$555 million with \$67 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$487 million compared to \$391 million at the beginning of fiscal year 2006 or an increase of \$96 million for the period then ended.

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	\$ 5,206,604	461,244,011	466,450,615
Total funds available	68,776,127	(68,776,127)	-
	73,982,731	392,467,884	466,450,615
Expenditures			
General government	5,541,651		5,541,651
Legislature	1,180,062		1,180,062
Judiciary	508,635		508,635
Education	4,568,936		4,568,936
Heritage Preservation	2,160,635		2,160,635
Health	5,571,493		5,571,493
Youth and Family Services	4,034,160		4,034,160
Nutrition Programs	1,715,468		1,715,468
Regulatory	1,250,138		1,250,138
Assistance Programs	1,531,744		1,531,744
Transfer to Loan Program	-		-
Gaming expense		234,722,574	234,722,574
Other businesses' expense		92,725,132	92,725,132
Total expenditures	28,062,921	327,447,706	355,510,628
Increase in net assets	45,919,810	65,020,178	110,939,988
Beginning net assets	168,970,718	207,478,370	376,449,088
Ending net assets	\$ 214,890,528	272,498,548	487,389,076

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Statement of Net Assets			
Cash and Investments	\$ 51,906,758	111,592,419	163,499,177
Receivables	2,365,123	25,631,168	27,996,291
Inventory		4,389,713	4,389,713
Prepaid expenses		5,095,920	5,095,920
Other Assets		15,247,066	15,247,066
Fixed assets	160,706,573	178,190,156	338,896,729
Less payables	(87,926)	(67,647,895)	(67,735,821)
Net Assets	\$ 214,890,528	272,498,548	487,389,076

Chickasaw intern Presley recipient of 2006 Judicial Branch Scholarship



**Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred
Supreme Court Justice**

Is everyone staying cool this summer? I believe the summer of 2006 will be etched in our memories as a summer of triple digit temperatures and no rain.

School has begun once again in the Chickasaw Nation and I want to remind everyone to watch for the children on bikes and in the school cross walks. Slow down in school zones and help keep our children safe.

We are happy to announce an



David Ponder

addition to our court staff, David Ponder. Mr. Ponder will join the staff as Court Advocate and will be available for appointments by calling the District Court. David is the grandson of original enrollee, Viola Harden. Mr. Ponder attended the University Of Oklahoma College Of Law and has been a practicing attorney since 1993. He served with the 101st Airborne Division, 25th Infantry Division, 95th Division reserved and the 45th Infantry Brigade and the Oklahoma Army National Guard. David has been married to his lovely wife, Vicki, for 28 years and they have one daughter, Lyndsea. David is an active scuba diving instructor and teaches diving classes on weekends. He also teaches first aid, CPR and AED. We are delighted to have Mr. Ponder join our staff to serve the Chickasaw citizens. If you would like to make an appointment with David Ponder, please contact the District Court at: 580-235-0279.

Meredith Presley is the recipient of the 2006 Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch Scholarship. Meredith is a Chickasaw citizen and is currently attending Oklahoma City University College of Law. Ms. Presley is a former intern for the Judicial Branch, completing her internship in December 2005.

Congratulations Meredith! The Judicial Branch is honored to be able to support the Chickasaw community by assisting our citizens with scholarships to further their education. The Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch Scholarship is an award of \$500 per year for any Chickasaw student attending a college or university and majoring in legal studies or attending law school.

Justice Barbara A. Smith and I were guest speakers for the Sulphur Kiwanis Club in July. We gave a presentation on the Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch and the services available to Chickasaw citizens and all Native Americans. Justice Smith discussed the Peacemaking Court as a more traditional process of dispute resolution. The Kiwanis Club members present were treated to chocolate coins in the shape of judicial seals made by our very own candy company, Bedre'. Judicial brochures and pens were available for anyone interested in information on the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court or District Court.

I hope everyone had an opportunity to see the play "Te Ata" sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation. Justice Barbara A. Smith and I attended the pre-show opening and naming ceremony on August 5, 2006 in Chickasha, Oklahoma. It was a very moving portrayal of the life of Chickasaw storyteller, Te Ata. The entire cast provided a beautiful insight into the life of our national treasure, Te Ata.

August 8, the Supreme Court Justices attended the grand opening of Riverwind Casino. RiverWind is over 200,000 square feet of fun and enjoyment. Riverwind offers three (3) wonderful new restaurants; Traditions, The Willows Buffet and Seasons Food Court as well as an Energy bar offering coffee, tea, cappuccino in addition to other delicious drinks. Riverwind also houses a 1,500 seat multi-tiered Showplace Theatre for concerts and comedians.

Justice Smith and I attended the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Friday, August 11, 2006. Congressman Tom Cole acted as Master of Ceremonies introducing the inductees for 2006, James E.

Amerson, Charles David Carter, Mary Stone McClendon and Catherine Pickens Willmond. Each year the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony reminds us of our cherished Chickasaw citizens who have embraced their heritage and shared their lives in a manner that brings to honor the Chickasaw Nation. The inductees represent role models for young and old alike reminding us of the contributions of our Chickasaw ancestors.

The Chickasaw Nation Bar Association has grown to 108 members. If you would like an application to join the Chickasaw Bar Association, please contact Jason Burwell at: 580-235-0281.

More great news for the Judicial Branch! We were recently notified that the Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch was awarded the Enhancing or Continuing the Operation of the Tribal Courts grant. The Supreme Court Justices have a desire to provide an opportunity for the citizens outside of the immediate Ada area to have easy access to advocate services. Therefore, a portion



Meredith Presley

of the monies from this grant will be dedicated to expanding court services to other areas of the Chickasaw Nation. We are all very excited and honored to have the opportunity to expand the advocate program.

Finally, congratulations to Justice Barbara A. Smith on her re-election. Justice Smith has demonstrated her love of the Chickasaw people and the Chickasaw Code during her first three years as Supreme Court Justice. We are all looking toward the future as we all work together to create an fair and efficient court system for our Chickasaw citizens.

MOCCASIN TRAIL IN YOUR CORNER

By Anona McCullar

Tip of the Month

Anxiety and depression

According to numerous health officials nation wide, it is clear that activity and fitness have the potential to improve mild to moderate causes of anxiety and depression.

The Moccasin Trail program would like to congratu-

late the following for achieving over the 1000 mile goal. Reta Awtrey, Brandy Davis, Lauren John, Cinda Porter, Alicson Scott, Chantel Shaw, Joseph Shaw, Virginia Sullivan, Toy Tollison, Jack Walcott and Efrain White Buffalo.

Congrats gals and guys!!

Rep in Chickasha on September 18

CHICKASHA, Okla. - A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha on September 18 to answer questions about tribal programs.

For more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, community health repre-

sentatives, or other programs, visit Bettie Black at Oklahoma Workforce, 301 S. 2nd Street from 3 to 5 p.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at Oklahoma Workforce the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

Chickasaw dictionary



Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby accepts a copy of "A Chickasaw Dictionary" from former Governor Overton James. The dictionary bears an inscription from Gov. James, and from his mother, Vinnie May Humes.

Kullihoma senior site offers lots of fellowship, good food

KULLIHOMA - If a traveler explores far enough off the beaten path of Oklahoma State Highway 1, over the twisting and winding county road, past the old stomp grounds and through the woods, eventually he'll find a little place with rock and wood out front and friendship inside. He will have found the home of the Kullihoma Senior Site.

Even though it may be hard to find on any map, it is a place where many seniors have found enjoyment and fellowship.

"We just like to come and visit and fellowship," said sisters Dean Starns and Bessie Smith.

"We just like to sit around and talk and play dominoes," added Bessie's husband Jack.

And they also like to eat. When asked why they come back every day, Allen resident Kenneth Mitchell stated, "because we're hungry."

Site cook Velma Frazier makes sure she covers that area by offering hot, home cooked meals on a daily basis.

And Community Health Representative (CHR) Carol Cox stops by once a week to check in on the seniors, check their blood pressure, make sure they are staying healthy and to enjoy some of Velma's cooking herself.

Oh, the seniors enjoy other things too. They have made recent trips to Missouri and Arkansas and Tennessee, plus day trips to places like Shawnee for shopping and Chickasha for the "TeAta" world premiere.

But more than anything, these fine folks nestled up in the woods just enjoy their time spent together.

"If I didn't come out here, I would just be by myself every day," said site member Helen Sanders.

Jack Smith summed it up for everyone. "It's a good place to come."

Most fittingly, hanging on the wall in the dining room is a little sign that reads, "Where there is friendship, there are warm hearts."

Warm hearts abound in this little place with rock and wood out front and friendship inside. And even though most maps may overlook this little place, enjoyment and fellowship are easy to find at the Kullihoma Senior Site.



Site cook Velma Frazier prepares meals each week-day for the Kullihoma seniors. Lunch is not only served at the site, but delivered to several home bound seniors in the area.



Sisters Dean Starns and Bessie Smith have been coming to the site for years to visit with friends and enjoy a good meal.



Site members Dotson Brown and Marvel and Tom Hamilton visit with each other while waiting in the dinner line.



Steve Warren and John Hamilton stop by the site to have lunch and get in a quick game of dominoes with seniors Jack Smith and Kenneth Mitchell.



CHR Carol Cox stops by the site each week to check up on the health of the seniors. Here, Helen Sanders gets her blood pressure checked.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Riverwind Casino at Goldsby opens to great reviews



GOLDSBY, Okla. - Thousands of people flocked to the Chickasaw Nation's 219,000 square-foot Riverwind Casino to join in the grand opening celebration August 10 through 12.

As part of the celebration, more than 30 acrobats performed throughout the complex.

An *Oklahoman* headline read "Riverwind earns mostly raves in first reviews."

Riverwind will set a new standard of style for Oklahoma casinos as its dual themes of water and wind reflect the essence of Oklahoma through the timeless elements that have defined our

home for centuries.

Patrons may choose from more than 2,200 of the most popular electronic games. Card players can take a seat at one of 72 blackjack and poker tables.

The off-track betting area offers comfortable seating for approximately 75 with state-of-the-art videos from your favorite tracks. Riverwind guests will enjoy a wide selection of menu items at Tradition, its upscale Mexican restaurant, the Willows Buffet and Seasons Food Court.

Riverwind's Energy Bar offers the very best in coffee, tea, cappuccino, energy drinks and other unique and delicious offerings.

Riverwind's 1,500-seat entertainment center provides an excellent venue for a variety of shows and concerts. From

top-star country music to pop concerts to comedy and more, Riverwind will be the premier stop for the very best entertainment in the state.

Construction of the facility began in July, 2005 and was completed in slightly more than one year, according to Brad Fortner, Chief Development Officer for Chickasaw Enterprises.

"For a facility of this size, this was a very quick turnaround with regard to construction. It's really unprecedented and we're very pleased with how this project progressed," said Fortner.

Good weather and hard work by all construction crews and Chickasaw Enterprises employees have been the major factors for keeping the project on track, according to Fortner.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Business generated by Riverwind flows to programs

Riverwind Casino, located at the intersection of I-35 and State Highway 9 just south of Norman, Okla., is huge. This massive facility covers more area than four football fields, but its impact will be felt far beyond the walls.

Riverwind, which will employ 1,500 and bring thousands of tourists to the area, will have a tremendous economic impact, but that is only part of the story.

Revenues generated by the business will contribute to a variety of programs and services which bring about a positive transformation in the lives individuals.

Wyas Parker, for example, said his time in a music workshop at the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy helped him solidify a vague desire to pursue a career in music into a more definite decision to become a composer.

"Now I know what I'm supposed to do with my life," Parker said after his music was performed for the first time before a live audience.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said in a recent address to the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma that businesses are a means to an end.

"Everything we do is focused

on our mission of enhancing the lives of Chickasaws," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Our goal is not simply self-sufficiency for tribal government, but self-sufficiency for every Chickasaw."

Education is a high priority in encouraging self-sufficiency.

"We work hard to encourage our students from Head Start through all stages of higher education," said Gov. Anoatubby.

The Governor's Honor Club program, which rewards students for academic achievement is one method of encouraging students.

Britni Rea is an elementary school student who qualified for the club.

"Thanks you for recognizing me on my accomplishments," she wrote in a letter Gov. Anoatubby. "I really appreciate the sentiment. It motivates me to work harder knowing that I will be rewarded."

Alexis Barnes, who attended Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy two consecutive years, said the camp will have an impact on her academic choices.

"I'll definitely take a lot more science and math, because I can tell that has a lot to do with careers that I didn't think it would," said Ms. Barnes. "You think that nobody ever does division in real life, but I've

definitely seen that it does play a big part in aeronautics.

"The thing I love about CNASA is it's given me more of an opportunity to learn about aeronautics and aviation. It helps me keep an open mind about careers and things I can do in the future."

Tisha Cully, who worked in the community garden as part of the Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth program, says that program has taught her a great deal.

"I have come out of my shyness. I have better people skills," said Ms. Cully. "I have opened up a whole lot more."

"It's a good thing to do. The garden is a good place to work. Pretty much any job you get working for the Chickasaw Nation you can improve yourself."

She has gained a wide variety of hands on experience from preparing beds and caring for the crops to selling the produce to wholesale and retail customers. She has also learned about other possible careers through the job shadowing component of the program.

Classes on workplace etiquette, writing resumes, and interviewing skills are also part of the program.

Such programs also have a wider impact on the com-

munity, according to Tonya Lillard, assistant administrator for Pontotoc County Adult Day Care. Ms. Lillard has utilized Summer Youth workers at her facility.

"We're not for profit so we just keep the doors open," said Ms. Lillard. "They've been a tremendous help. We feel really blessed that we've had them here."

She said the workers have been very reliable, punctual, dependable and hard workers.

"We really appreciate (the program) and really enjoy working with the Chickasaw Nation."

The senior sites operated by the Chickasaw Nation in 11 area cities have a more direct impact as they offer food, fellowship and fun to area elders.

Carole Davis is a regular at the Ada senior site.

"I really enjoy the fellowship," she said. "When we started coming here, my husband knew a

lot of people, but I didn't really know anyone. Now I have a lot of friends I see here."

Beaulah Shavney began attending the Ada senior site regularly when she moved to the city in 2002. She recently began taking computer classes offered at the site.

"I like to email my family and keep in touch with relatives that I didn't get to talk to much before," she said. "I especially like getting email from my grandchildren."

Gov. Anoatubby said that Chickasaws have long had a strong entrepreneurial spirit and a strong sense of community.

"Chickasaws have been entrepreneurs for centuries," he said. "Today, that tradition blends perfectly with our tradition of supporting, encouraging and lifting up every member of our community."

2006 Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival

September 30 - October 8

See schedule of events on back page.

For additional information about the 2006 Chickasaw Annual Meeting & Festival, call 1-800-593-3356.

Students honored at Foundation Scholarship reception



Chickasaw Foundation scholarship recipients offer bright smiles to go with bright futures.

The Chickasaw Foundation this year awarded fifty per cent more money in scholarships and grants over 2005. This year, \$54,000 was awarded to college students at the Chickasaw Foundation Annual Scholarship Reception at Pontotoc Technology Center in July. This amount is an increase from the \$28,500 given last year.

"We see the future of our nation and we are investing," said Kennedy Brown, Chickasaw Foundation chairman. "We are laying the groundwork for our young people to be educated."

University of Oklahoma pre-medical Chickasaw student

Kathryn Colbert said she was grateful the tribe values higher education.

"Education is power and what comes from knowledge produces tomorrow's leaders," Ms. Colbert, a scholarship recipient, said.

A total of 37 scholarships were awarded, including 16 new scholarships. Five new grants were also added.

Grants and scholarships are funded by individuals and organizations as well as revenue from the Chickasaw Nation.

Contributed by Kandis Murdock, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Children's Village

KINGSTON, Okla. - The Chickasaw Children's Village is currently accepting applications for the fall semester. The village is a residential facility for Native American students in 1st through 12th grades. It is located near beautiful Lake Texoma in Kingston.

The Chickasaw Children's Village includes eight cottages, each housing eight students and one set of married house parents.

Rick Kelley, Chickasaw Nation Director of Strong Family Development, said the Children's Village was designed to make a positive difference in the lives of young Native Americans.

"The purpose of the village is to give children the support and education they need to become successful adults with functional families of their own," Kelley said.

The 64 children accepted each year are from all walks of life. Kelley said most of the students just need a structured environment. While some may be considered "at risk," he said, others may have grandparents or relatives that just need some assistance in the task of raising them.

The Chickasaw Nation's residential academic services date back to the late 1800s from Indian schools like Bloomfield Academy and Carter Seminary.

"The Chickasaw Nation has a long history of educating the youth and molding successful adults," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "The

Chickasaw Children's Village is a continuation of our commitment to the children."

The Children's Village, in its current form, is beginning its third year of residency.

Kelley said the structure had changed from a more institutionalized dormitory setting to a more individualized family-style living environment with house parents instead of shift staff.

"The difference has been amazing in developing children's academic performance, behavior and family relationship skills," Kelley said.

Students reside at the village and attend Kingston Public Schools for an academic year. Students return home at least one weekend each month as well as spend the summers and holidays with their families. The participation in extracurricular activities such as sports and arts is encouraged and supported by the staff.

The village is expected to add two new cottages already near completion for the next school year.

For more information or to request an application, parents and guardians can call 580-564-3060. Eligible students must be Native American (of any tribe or nation) and possess a CDIB card, birth certificate, school transcript and current immunization record to apply. The program is free to residents and funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and The Chickasaw Nation.

Contributed by Kandis Murdock, tribal media relations.

Lighthorse setting drug task force

The Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department is currently assembling a drug task force. The tribal police department has teamed up with the District 22 drug task force, which includes Pontotoc, Seminole and Hughes counties in Oklahoma, to disband networks that supply drugs in the areas.

"The Chickasaw Nation wants to get involved with communities inside and outside its boundaries," said Mitch Smith, field supervisor for District 22 Drug Task Force. "The Chickasaw Nation has been an asset and we hope to foster a partnership."

The new Chickasaw Nation Drug Task Force Commander Steve Cash said the multi-jurisdiction task force would allow the team to work investigations across different counties.

With funds released from a \$500,000 U.S. Department of Justice grant last month, the dual departments have drawn battle lines and are preparing to join the fight in the war on drugs.

"With these funds, they will be better equipped to help keep their community safe," said Chickasaw citizen and U.S. Congressman Tom Cole (R-Okla.).

Cash said the team should be a formidable enemy against drugs.

"Rather than targeting the users, we are focusing on distributors," Cash said.

Lighthorse Police Department Chief Jason O'Neal agreed that breaking down distribution net-



Commander Steve Cash trains his canine partner Kaya to apprehend a suspect.

works was key. He said by targeting the source, the program would help prevent residual psychological and mental effects of drugs on a community like family abuse and neglect and state-sponsored expensive treatment and hospitalization.

Preventing the distribution of drugs will also help reduce criminal activity among gangs and organized crime groups that develop with drug money, O'Neal said.

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'New' drug scare is 'ice'

Methamphetamine distributors are the initial focus of the task force. Although there has been an almost 70 per cent decrease in meth labs in Oklahoma, the decline in drug use in not as significant.

Mexican drug cartels have taken advantage of HB 2176, a law that restricts the sell of the key meth ingredient pseudoephedrine. Cash said a smokable form of meth called "ice" is being mass produced by "super labs" in Mexico with minimal law enforcement. After production, the drugs are transported

across the border into the United States.

The economic force of drug cartels in Mexico had recently caused Mexican legislators to consider legalizing drugs in Mexico, which, Cash said, would have grave consequences on Americans. The proposal was quickly denied with the help of the U.S. government.

Chief O'Neal said the task force will also include a comprehensive strategy to protect communities from drugs including education, prevention, detection apprehension and treatment.

Happy Birthday

Darya Kaylene Harjo, Chickasaw, will celebrate her eighth birthday September 25, 2006. She will celebrate her birthday at Build-a-Bear Workshop, with a swimming party afterwards.

She is the daughter of Darryl and Dione Harjo of Moore, Okla. Darya is the little sister of Megan and Brandon Harjo and big sister to Jayden Harjo.

She is the granddaughter of John and Pat Bartmess of Oklahoma City. Her great-grandparents are Levi Edwards and the late Virginia Edwards of Lula, Okla.

Darya is in the second grade at Winding Creek Elementary, where she has received gold medals in the accelerated reading programs. She loves to play soccer, swim and do karate. She has a Chihuahua named Señor Harjo and when she grows up she wants to be a veterinarian so she can help animals or a school teacher so she can hand out the red tickets! It is her dream to meet Zack and Cody from the Disney Channel.

Have a great year Darya, we love you, your family!

Happy "80" Birthday
Geraldine Greenwood
Wednesday, August 30, 2006

From your children,
grandchildren and
great-grandchildren
"che hullo"



Geraldine Greenwood

Births



Landon Fixico

Landon Bryce Fixico was born July 29, 2006. He weighed 8 lbs., 0.5 oz., and measured 19.3 inches.

He is the son of Kristen Walker and Channdon Fixico.

He is the grandson of Imogene Imotichey-Walker and Gary Walker and Curtis and Dinna Fixico and Lisa Bear.

He is the great-grandson of the late Minnie and Joseph Shields, the late Viola and Adam Walker and Ashley Bear.



Mashaela Walker

Mashaela Rebecca Walker was born Jan. 12, 2006 at South Eastern Oklahoma Medical Center, Durant.

She weighed 5 lbs., 10 oz., and measured 18 inches.

She is the daughter of Rebecca Walker, Tishomingo, Okla., and Johnny Lee Walker, Ada, Okla. She joins a brother, Clayton, 15, and three sisters, Alyssa, 13, Emily, 5, and Shawnee, 4.

Her maternal grandparents are the late Carl and Marcella Jackson. Paternal grandparents are the late Adam C. and Violet Walker.

Ashton Rawlins, 7, of Owl Creek, Okla., announces the birth of her brother, **Charles David Gastineau, Jr.**

Charles was born May 15, 2006 at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, Ada, Okla. He weighed 7 lbs., 11.7 oz., and measured 19.6 inches.

He is the son of Dixie Brewer and Charles David Gastineau, Sr.

His maternal grandparents are Mark and Liz Brewer, Owl Creek. Maternal great-grandparents are the late Lloyd Eugene Brewer and Edna Marie Brewer, Ada.

His paternal grandparents are the late Mike and Sandra Gastineau and paternal great-grandparents are the late Dorothy Jane Harris, James Harris and the late Wilson Eddie Chapman.



Darya Harjo

'72 Malibu is winner of classic car show

Twila June Adams-Miller won first place in the 1970s class of the classic car show hosted by Sulphur Rotary Club, August 12, 2006.

Twila June also won a trophy for traveling the longest distance from Phoenix, Arizona.

Twila June is the daughter of Jewell Eugenia Nichols, an original enrollee, and granddaughter of Velary Etta Colbert and great granddaughter of Martin Colbert Sr.

Twila entered the car ('72 Chevy Chevelle Malibu, 2 door) in memory of her mother for all the "Good Times" we had in it!!

Partner for Progress



Pontotoc Technology Center recognized the Chickasaw Nation as a "Partner for Progress" at the recent Career and Technology education summer conference conducted at the Tulsa Convention Center. From left are Judy Cox, PTC Director of Business and Industries; Lori Hamilton, Chickasaw Nation Director of Education Services; Jennifer Walker, tribal Career Technology and Training Development Manager; Kennedy Brown, special assistant to Governor Anoatubby; and Gregory Pierce, Pontotoc Technology Center superintendent.

ADA, OKLA.- The Chickasaw Nation was recently recognized as Pontotoc Technology Center's Partner for Progress recipient at the Career & Technology Education Summer Conference at the Tulsa convention center.

The Partner for Progress award recognizes business and industry, which has made outstanding contribution to the improvement, promotion, development, and progress of career and technology education.

The Chickasaw Nation has partnered with PTC by funding tribal members educational expenses based upon their abilities, interests, and opportunities for employment. It is a goal of the tribe for every tribal member to be employable.

The tribe has also partnered with PTC by allowing employ-

ees of the Chickasaw Nation to utilize Pontotoc Technology Center's business and industry offerings. A specially designed scheduling and invoicing process is used to accommodate the wide variety of needs requested by Ada's largest employer.

The Chickasaw Nation (deleted) rewards the professional Individual Development Plan. This program had generated hundreds of hours of training opportunities for the school.

According to Greg Pierce, PTC Superintendent, "The future of PTC's full-time programs and BIS programs will be shaped by the direction and needs of the Chickasaw Nation and Chickasaw employees. We look forward to many more years of partnering with the Nation."



Ashton Rawlins and Charles Gastineau, Jr.



Student is Gates Scholar at SOSU



Jeremy Webb

Jeremy Webb graduated with honors from Tishomingo High School, May 2006. He was accepted into the Southeastern Oklahoma University Honors Program where he is an English Education major. He recently was awarded the Chickasaw Foundation Fredrick Hill Group

Scholarship and was selected by the American Indian Graduate Center as a Gates Millennium Scholar.

Jeremy entered Southeastern with 24 college credit hours he earned while in high school. He accomplished this by taking concurrent classes and completing the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Math/Science bridge program at Murray State College.

Jeremy enjoys playing guitar, writing songs and spending time with his two and one-half-year-old son Jacob.

Jeremy is the son of Anthony and Susan Webb, of Tishomingo. He is the grandson of Gloria Webb and Dr. F.E. and Patricia Webb, of Tishomingo, and the late Elmer and Naomi Fillmore Wood. He is the descendant of Chickasaw original enrollee Henry Fillmore.

OKC Metro Council meetings to resume September 5

The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council meetings will resume Tuesday, September 5 at the OKC Council Building. July and August meetings were cancelled due to the excessive heat.

Annual elections for the Council Executive Committee Officers will be conducted at this meeting. Please come prepared to nominate and vote for these important council positions. All

Chickasaws are urged to take part in this important meeting.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. it is preceded by fellowship at 6:30 p.m.

The Council building is located at 3301 East Reno in Oklahoma City. For more information call 405-204-0536 or visit the OKCMCCC website at www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org.

Pvt. Bizzell scheduled to complete basic training

U.S. Army Pvt. Micah Bizzell, native Chickasaw and great-grandson of Pearl Compton Ross, an original enrollee, will finish his basic training in a few weeks. He will be in training at the same base for chemical warfare.

Pvt. Bizzell went to school in California until the family moved to Poteau, Okla. His family transferred to Las Vegas, where he finished his senior year of school.

He is excited about being a part of the military and loves everything about it, including the discipline, getting up early, taking a rifle apart and putting

it together again. He misses his family and friends, but is making lifetime friends where he is now.

He scored top in his class when he went into the military.

Pvt. Bizzell will graduate October 18, 2006.

He would appreciate a letter from anyone that would take a minute to write him.

His address:
Pvt. Micah Bizzell
F/82nd. Chem BN 1st. PLT.
451 Colorado Avenue Unit 62

Ft. Leonard wood, Missouri 98382

Webb earns degree; to be deployed to Iraq



Bryan Webb

Bryan Webb completed his bachelor's degree in economics at Oklahoma University in Norman this summer.

Mr. Webb has been in the U.S. Air Force for two and one-half years serving as senior airman. He will be deployed September 5 to Kirkuk Airforce Base in Iraq where he will serve four months with the 507th Civil Engineering Squadron out of Tinker Air Force Base. His duties will include diesel generator maintenance and arresting system

maintenance.

Senior Airman Webb is a 2000 graduate of Tishomingo High School. He is the son of Anthony and Susan Webb, of Tishomingo. He is the grandson of Gloria Webb and Dr. F.E. and Patricia Webb, of Tishomingo, and the late Elmer and Naomi Wood. He is also the big brother of Jeremy and Nathan Webb. Mr. Webb and wife Courtne reside in Arlington, Texas. He is a descendant of Chickasaw original enrollee Henry Fillmore.

Chickasaw rural letter carrier honored



Connie Walk

Piedmont resident Connie Walk was thrilled recently when she was named the Rural Letter Carrier of the year for Oklahoma.

Walk delivers mail for the United States Postal Service Hefner Station in Oklahoma City. The award is based on the vote of their fellow rural letter carriers.

"It's really nice to be recognized in this way," she commented.

Her husband, Gary Walk, is

also a rural letter carrier. He works out of the Piedmont Post Office.

"I'm very proud of her," he said. "She really deserves it."

Walk was also recognized during the National Rural Letter Carriers Association national convention, Aug. 8 through 11, in Charleston, South Carolina.

Walk and the other Letter Carriers of the Year from each of the 50 states were honored at the convention.

Chickasaw student earns bachelor's at Portland State



Theresa Keeney

enrollee, Richard H. McLish and Rosa Washington. She is the mother of Amanda Wright (Klamath/Chickasaw) and Myles Wright (Chickasaw). She is the grandmother of Yuka Sophie Wright (Salish-Kootenai/Oglala/Cherokee).

Ms. Keeney received her bachelor of science degree in administration of justice on June 17, 2006. She carried a 4.0 grade point average and received the following awards and honors: Dean's List, Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key International Honour Society, Portland State University's Diversity Recognition Scholarship, Oregon State Sheriff's Association Scholar-

ship and the appointment to the City of Portland's Independent Police Review's Citizen Review Committee.

As a returning student and first generation graduate, she amazed and honored her family through her accomplishments. She was a very committed and determined student putting every effort forth to do more than her best in every aspect of her life. Your family congratulates you on your graduation.

Daughter, mother, sister, and wife we are grateful for you and proud of your accomplishments!

Yoke!

Theresa Keeney is a 2006 graduate of Portland State University, Portland, Ore. She is the daughter of Jerri McLish Hubbard (Chickasaw) and Everett Hubbard. She is the granddaughter of Otwell McLish, Jr., (Chickasaw) and Lela Williams McLish (Cherokee), and the great-granddaughter of Otwell McLish Sr. (Chickasaw), and Edna Freeney McLish (Choc-taw). She is the great-granddaughter of original Chickasaw

Inland Empire meeting Sept. 12

BANNING, Calif.- The Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council invites you to attend its next meeting Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. at San Geronio Memorial Hospital.

The meeting will be con-

ducted in the Education Conference Room at 600 North Highland Springs Avenue (on the south side near the Emergency Room Entrant.) Snacks will be served.

Contact: Lynn M. Dorrough at 909-213-7273.

Chickasaw earns master's degree, focuses on vocational rehabilitation



Jason Burns

Jason Burns recently graduated from East Central University with a master's degree in human resources with a concentration in vocational rehabilitation counseling.

Mr. Burns completed his education and became a certified rehabilitation counselor in May 2006. He is employed as a counselor with the Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Department. Prior to employment, he served as a volunteer for the department. "Everyone

is dedicated to the job, the staff truly works hard as a team to look out for each other, give the support they need and gain the knowledge to help the consumers in the best possible way," Mr. Burns said.

Mr. Burns believes he owed the ability to make something of himself to a few people who helped him in his earlier childhood.

Don Brimage, a member of the Shriners' and Mr. Burns' sponsor as a young child, was

a great influence in his life. "I had to travel to Shreveport, La., for several surgeries and Mr. Brimage would help my family out with expenses such as and hotel stays," Mr. Burns said. Mr. Brimage was dedicated to my health care and for that I will always be thankful."

Another influence in Mr. Burns' life was Dr. John Jackson, a principal in the Durant, Okla., school system.

The most important influences in Mr. Burns' life is his mother.

"Looking back in the past, I now realize my mother was the first person I watched advocate for a person with a disability, I certainly thank her for all she had done in aiding my with a better life," he said.

"College was difficult at times and I wanted to give up, but I continued moving forward because I owed the education to myself, the great influences in my life and many others who have helped me along the way."

Chickasaw airman honored for service on Iraq airbase

A Chickasaw airman serving in Iraq has recently been honored for his exceptional service.

U.S. Airman Matthew Barnoski, of Stonewall, Okla., is serving with the 332d Expeditionary Mission Support Group at Balad Airbase, Iraq. Airman Barnoski was named Airman of the Month for July.

"These honors are greatly deserved and recognize his sensational technical skills, military professionalism and accomplishments here at Balad," Col. David L. Reynolds, Balad commander, said. "The award also reflects something of the character, dedication and commitment to teamwork of the award winner. Airman Barnoski exhibits all of



Matthew Barnoski

these fine attributes."

Airman Barnoski is the son of Barney and Betty Barnoski. His grandparents are full-blood Chickasaws Milburn and Belzora Thomas, and Barney and Lou Ann Barnoski.

Chickasaw student abroad for ambassador program



Shane Vietzke, third from left, visits the Roman coliseum with People to People Ambassador friends.

Shane Vietzke, a Chickasaw student from Pauls Valley, Okla., recently toured Europe for 20 days as a member of the "People to People Student Ambassador

Program." This international student exchange program was founded in 1956 by President, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

It was Eisenhower's philoso-

phy that if people from different cultures could come together in peace and friendship, so, eventually, would countries. The objective of the program is to promote international understanding while building skills among America's youth. The motto of the Ambassador Program is "Peace through understanding."

The experience includes interaction with foreign students his age, educational opportunities and home stays with host families. For Vietzke's house gift to his host family, he chose a Chickasaw blanket. To define the gift, he presented them with a printed explanation of the custom of the giveaway friendship blanket by Native Americans.

The group toured the Mediterranean religions of Spain, France and Italy with special visits to Vatican City and Monaco. Of special interest to Vietzke were the Accademia Gallery, La Sagrada Familia and the Leaning Tower.

Customer Service Survey

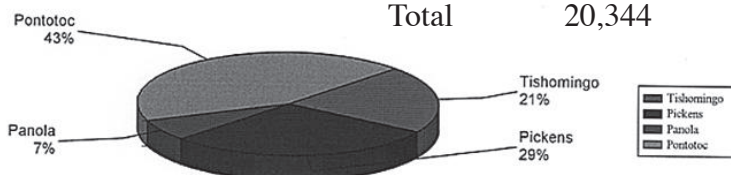
Chickasaw citizens who complete a new tribal customer service survey will have the opportunity to win \$100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the \$100 giveaway. The \$100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times*.

Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,288	Panola	1,334
Pickens	5,902	Pontotoc	8,820
		Total	20,344



Chickasaw athlete recognized for tennis, basketball



Ryan Walker

Ryan Walker has been inducted in the "Who's Who of American High School Students - 2006 Sports Edition."

Ryan is 15/16 Chickasaw. She is a 15 and a sophomore at Byng High School, Ryan plays tennis and basketball.

She has been rated #1 in tennis for two years in a row at Byng Jr. High. She took first place in Tecumseh Tennis Tournament and also in the Chickasaw Nation's Tennis Tournament. She took first place in the doubles, with Cassaundra Cruz as her

partner.

Ryan's parents are Curtis and Cheryl Walker, and her brother is Riley Walker. Her grandparents are the late J.C. Alexander and the late Lois Keel Alexander and the late Ralph Walker and Ruthlene Jones, of Oklahoma City.

Ryan is an active youth member at Mitchell Memorial United Methodist Church.

She is also a member of the Chickasaw Nation Children's Choir. Her hobbies are playing the keyboard and drums and she loves to draw.



Chickasaw diver wins three golds at Junior Nationals



Kaylea Arnett diving at SMU during April 2005 regional meet in Dallas.

Kaylea Arnett, a 13-year-old Chickasaw diver, recently moved closer to joining the ranks of Jim Thorpe, Billy Mills and Cab Renick as a Native American Olympic medalist.

Kaylea took gold in the 3-meter, 1-meter and platform events at the 2006 Speedo Junior Nationals conducted July 26 through 30 in Indianapolis.

Her sweep of all three events earned her the individual high point award.

About two weeks later, the Arnett family learned that Kaylea had been selected for the Olympic Medal Program. The program provides athletes additional resources and opportunities to develop their talent.

Bob Gunter, Kaylea's coach, said USA Diving selected her for the program she possessed Olympic medal potential.

Kaylea was selected, he said, as part of a younger group in the program believed to have 2012 Olympic Games potential.

Kaylea's mother, Terrie Arnett, was very excited after she received the email notifying her of the selection.

"It's amazing," said Terrie. "Everybody wants to get that letter."

"I think it's really cool," Kaylea said. "It's going to be a new experience."

Diving success has come early and often for Kaylea.

Her win in the 3-meter competition at this year's junior nationals marked a successful defense of the title she won in 2005.

That championship qualified her for the 2005 Junior Pan American Games where she won two bronze medals. Her performance helped Team USA win first place in the event.

At only 13, it was Kaylea's third international competition.

As a 10-year-old, Kaylea defeated 15 older girls to finish first in platform in the 13-and-under division in the World Team Trials.

That qualified her for a spot as the youngest diver on the 19-member U.S. team

which traveled to the 2003 Junior Pan American Championships in Brazil.

Kaylea earned two bronze medals at that event and helped the U.S. team to a third-place finish.

In May, 2003, she placed second in three-meter springboard and third in platform to help the U.S. Junior All-Star team defeat the Canadian Junior Elite team at the U.S./Canada Junior Challenge.

Kaylea began her diving career in August, 2001 at the Oklahoma City Regional Training Center under the instruction of Alik Sarkisian.

When the divers lost access to the aquatic center, the Arnett family moved to the Woodlands,

Texas to enable Kaylea to pursue her training.

"It's really exciting converting to a new team, with different techniques," said Kaylea. "They have a little more dry land exercising here, but they do a lot of diving too."

Coach Gunter said Kaylea is a "great kid, a lot of fun to

coach."

"She had a little bit to live up to, but she's done great," said Gunter. "There's another girl down here who is exactly her age who she works out with. They actually developed into very good synchronized partners. I think that made the transition a lot easier for her."

"She was a little out of shape when she got down here, but she worked her way back into it. We do things a little differently than she was used to. It took a while to get used to, but when it all started coming back together she had a great summer."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Long hours on the road to the Olympics

Kaylea Arnett, a 13-year-old Chickasaw diver, recently completed the season by sweeping the Speedo Junior Nationals. She won gold in the 3-meter, 1-meter and platform events in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Shortly after, she learned she had qualified for USA Diving's Olympic Medal Program. The program provides additional resources and opportunities to help potential Olympians develop their talent at a faster pace.

Many girls her age may spend summer vacation sleeping late and roaming the mall for hours, but Kaylea Arnett is at diving practice from 8 to 11 each morning and 2:30 to 5:30 each afternoon.

While that practice regimen and six to eight major out of town events each season may seem like a demanding schedule, Kaylea is enjoying every minute.

"I like the competition. It's very fun," said Kaylea, who added that she also enjoys the training.

Talking with her, one gets the impression she enjoys what she is doing so much that Olympic competition would simply be an added bonus.

"I think I'm going to try the 2008 and then really try the 2012," she said casually when asked about her Olympic hopes.

Asked how Kaylea's schedule affects her life, her mother Terrie Arnett, chuckled "I just live in the car all the time."

Terrie added that Kaylea is very self-motivated.

"We're awfully proud of her," she said. "She does it all herself. We just do all the cheering and the flying and the driving."

When they are on the road Kaylea and her mother enjoy seeing friends they have made

on the diving circuit.

They also find time for a little sight seeing.

"There are lots of things that I enjoy," said Kaylea. "We'll go around looking at stuff and see if we like it. You'll look around and see a zoo or something and go there."

This year, Kaylea's younger sister Alyssa joined also qualified to compete in the junior nationals.

While Alyssa didn't finish in the top three at the championship, she placed among the top 12 divers in her age group in

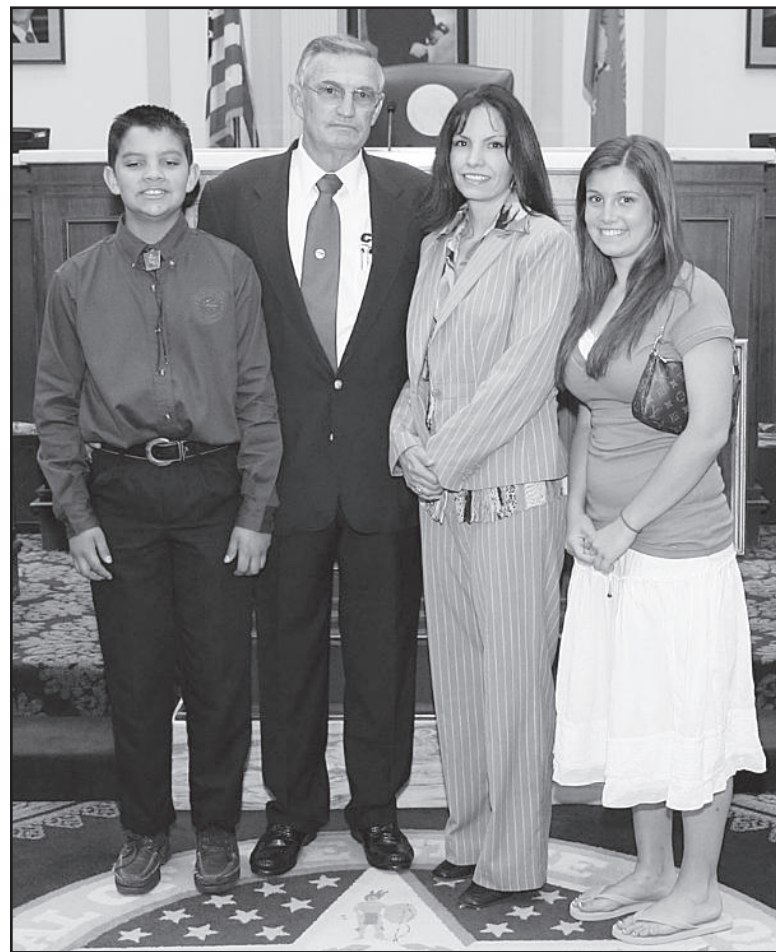
the zone meet to qualify for the event.

With the diving season over and school beginning, Kaylea's practice schedule will be cut to three hours a day five days a week.

"Once school starts she'll go 2:30 to 5:30," said Terrie. "The school she is going to will let her go to school an hour early and leave early and let her train."

"The principal is really doing us a favor and letting her come in an hour early and get out an hour early so she can go practice."

Former Chickasaw legislators



Frank Johnson, Executive Director of the Chickasaw Utility Authority, recently spoke to the Oklahoma Native American caucus. The caucus founder is his daughter, State Rep. Lisa Johnson-Billy. Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Billy are the first father/daughter to serve the Chickasaw Nation Legislature. Also pictured are Mr. Johnson's grandchildren Masheli and Alexis.

Aspiring Chickasaw entrepreneurs learn business 'how-tos'

Southeastern Oklahoma State University's John Massey School of Business recently played host to aspiring young entrepreneurs from the Chickasaw Nation.

The class, made up primarily of graduating seniors from across the Chickasaw Nation as well as New Jersey and Tennessee, attended the week long academy aimed at exposing participants to the demands and rewards of small business ownership. The academy is a partnership between the Chickasaw Nation and the John Massey School of Business and is in its fourth consecutive year.

The academy project is headed up by Lisa John, Administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education and received special support from Brian Campbell, Administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce. This year's academy was conducted by John Massey School of Business faculty Dr. Kitty Campbell and Billy McCurdy with assistance from Chickasaw Nation Division of Education staff. Those Division of Education staff members included Lori Hamilton, director; Frank Johnson Jr., assist. director; Beth Campbell, project managers; and Callie Roebuck, coordinator.

"Native Americans are statistically the least likely minority to enter into business for themselves," said Buddy Gaster, Dean of the Massey School of Business. "Governor Bill Anoatubby has made a significant commitment to increasing the opportunities for Chickasaw citizens and he has not ignored the importance of small business ownership. Many of these young people have never considered owning their own business because their family backgrounds just don't include business ownership."

During a special session Governor Anoatubby made a point to convey to the students that Chickasaws have always been known to be successful entrepreneurs. Governor Anoatubby described for the participants a time in the 1800s when the Chickasaw Nation controlled most of the trade along the Mississippi River and were the hosts of some of the largest commerce events in a young United States. Recently, Governor Anoatubby

spoke before the American Indian Chamber of Commerce to outline a new initiative aimed at increasing the opportunities for Chickasaw Citizens to enter the realm of business ownership.

"The Entrepreneurship Academy is continued proof that Governor Anoatubby believes tribal government's role is to provide opportunities for its citizens to excel," said Dean Gaster.

The academy is intended to open the eyes of young Chickasaws to business opportunities while at the same time providing them with the skills necessary to develop a basic business plan. The academy was intense, including several tours of local businesses between class and computer lab assignments.

"It is our hope that these kids will have a better view of what it takes to start and operate a business," said Dr. Kitty Campbell, Academy Director from the John Massey School of Business. "We really want to take the mystery out of business ownership and expand these student's thoughts concerning their future to include business ownership."

"I know where these kids are coming from," said Bill McCurdy a Chickasaw citizen and faculty member in the Massey School of Business. "I know



Gov. Bill Anoatubby with the class of young Chickasaw entrepreneurs. The group learned the fundamentals of small business during classes at the Southeastern Oklahoma State University Massey School of Business.

what it's like to not even have business ownership on your radar as a young adult, simply because you can't think of a single family member or close Native American friend who is operating their own successful business. It was exciting to see these kids' eyes and minds open up. I really believe we just multiplied the professional opportunities for these kids by ten fold and all we did was prompt them to consider the possibilities."

"I believe this was the best academy so far," said Frank Johnson Jr., coordinator for the Academy and Assistant Director of Education Services for the Chickasaw Nation. "We worked really hard to bring in kids with a history of strong academic performance and I believe we succeeded."

Johnson went on to say, "We were able to provide the graduating seniors with new laptop computers and juniors and

sophomores were also given prizes in the form of cash and savings bonds."

The academy is an annual event and is jointly sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Divisions of Education and Commerce. Chickasaw youth wishing to attend next years academy should contact The Chickasaw Nation Division of Education Services at (580) 421-7711 or visit their website at <http://www.chickasaweducationservices.com/>

Chickasaw ballplayers participate in ASA nationals



The Ardmore Xplosion 12 & Under Softball team at the ASA national tournament in Midland, Texas. Front row from left are Tiereani Richardson, Andrea Way, Conner Southerland and Kimiko Fritts. Back row from left are coach Stacy Edgar, Tysia Manuel, Taylor Edgar, D.J. Pettigrew, Lindsey James, Autumn Mills, Ashton Mills, Karli Cornell, Tarra Debord, Ashton Gores and Jaynie Gores.

Chickasaw ballplayers, Lindsey James, D.J. Pettigrew and Taylor Edgar had the honor of representing Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Nation at the recent ASA National 12 & Under Softball Tournament, July 31 through August 6, in Midland, Texas.

The team, Ardmore (OK) Xplosion, had the opportunity to meet many other young ladies from different states, including California, Nevada and Arizona. They carried the Chickasaw Nation flag in the opening ceremonies, and exchanged collectable trading pins with the girls from the other teams.

The trip was one they will always remember, and was made possible by generous donations from business, and the support of the people of Ardmore and Sulphur.

Fame of Chickasaw storyteller Te Ata continues to grow



Te Ata's nephew Gene Thompson plays a drum the Chickasaw storyteller used in her career during a ceremony naming the Te Ata memorial Theater at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. More than 85 of Te Ata's relatives joined in a circle grasping a ribbon during the ceremony conducted at an August 5 reception prior to the world premiere

CHICKASHA, Okla. - High production values, first-rate acting and well-blended choreography told the story of Te Ata in a way that brought tears to the eyes of many in the opening night audience of the world premiere.

Seeing the life story of Te Ata told on stage was a special thrill for many of her family members.

"We gave (Te Ata playwright) JudyLee Oliva the Chickasaw name maker of dreams, because she made our dreams come true," said Gene Thompson, nephew of Te Ata.

Taloea Thompson, Te Ata's niece, said the production brought back "wonderful memories."

"I remembered so much of that, because of what aunt Te Ata had told me during my lifetime," said Mrs. Thompson. "The play was absolutely beautiful. I don't

think it could have been more beautiful. I cried all the way through it."

While the play was a moving experience for family members, many who knew little about Te Ata were also touched.

Many of those may well have left the theater wanting to know more about this incredible woman.

"Te Ata: Chickasaw Storyteller, American Treasure" by Richard Green tells more about the fascinating life of the woman who was named the first Oklahoma State Treasure in 1987.

A November 2002 review by Mike Nobles of *the Tulsa World* called the book "an exceptionally well-researched, well-written book about a little-known but most extraordinary Oklahoma Treasure."

Green tells an in-depth tale of a Chickasaw woman who researched traditional stories

from many American Indian tribes and took great pains to convey those stories in a dignified, respectful manner.

"In a time when Indians were stereotyped as savages, Te Ata presented the rich Indian culture in an authentic, artistic, dignified manner that contributed in a significant manner to a wider understanding of Indian peoples, not only in America but also around the world," wrote Nobles in his review.

"This is a special book about a special person that helped bridge the gap between American Indians and other cultures at a time when such efforts were sorely needed," he added. "Her story and message is timeless and as relevant today as when she was performing."

"This book will make you proud to be from Oklahoma."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Family members of Te Ata given Chickasaw names



Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa Billy, a Chickasaw citizen, presents Ellen Cole a certificate bearing her Chickasaw name as an "adopted" member of the Chickasaw family. Ellen Cole is the wife of U.S. Rep. Tom Cole, a Chickasaw citizen.

Almost 50 members of Te Ata Fisher's extended family were given Chickasaw names during a Sunday, August 6 ceremony in Chickasha.

The ceremony was conducted during a family reunion the morning after the opening night performance of the Te Ata world premiere.

U.S. Representative Tom Cole introduced Oklahoma State Representative Lisa Billy, a former Chickasaw legislator and Chickasaw speaker, who pre-

sented certificates bearing the Chickasaw name to each family member participating.

Rep. Billy also pronounced and translated each name.

During his introduction, Rep. Cole referred to Rep. Billy as a person his family would like to adopt.

Helen Cole, a Chickasaw Hall of Fame member and Rep. Cole's late mother, recruited Rep. Billy to run for the state legislature.

"She got to know Lisa and

her family and said 'that woman ought to run for office,'" said Rep. Cole, who argued that it would be difficult for a Republican to win in that particular district.

He said his mother replied "Tom, when they get to know her, they're going to vote for her. She's Chickasaw!"

Gene Thompson, a nephew of Te Ata, said it was very important to his aunt that members of the family should have Chickasaw names.

"Aunt Te Ata was a big believer in this," he said. "She gave me and my sister our names."

"Everybody, everywhere I went knew I was Indian. There wasn't any question, because I told them. I had a notebook that had Nashoba on it."

In addition to family members, Te Ata playwright JudyLee Oliva was also honored with a Chickasaw name during the ceremony.

"We gave JudyLee Oliva the Chickasaw name maker of dreams, because she made our dreams come true," said Mr. Thompson, who organized the ceremony.

Part of his reason for conducting the naming ceremony was to encourage family members to preserve their history.

To illustrate the point, he relayed a story of his own.

"When granddaddy died, Aunt Te Ata took grandmother up to be with her in New York City," he said. "When she did, she had trouble sleeping."

"So she gave her a Big Chief writing pad and a bunch of pencils and said 'momma, write down anything you can think of about your life.' And she did."

He said those hand written

pages were transcribed into 37 single-spaced type written pages containing a tremendous amount of family history.

"There isn't a person in this room who doesn't have a story," said Mr. Thompson. "Everybody has a story and your story may vary a little bit from someone else's story. And history will be made up of all these things."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

We've expanded our program!

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts & Humanities is proud to announce the new expansion to the arts in education After School Art Program (ASAP)! To increase services to more youths within the Chickasaw Nation, ASAP will now be offered in Ada, Ardmore and Purcell!

Children in grades 3 through 12 can take part in this fun program teaching art skills and objectives with a focus on Chickasaw art and culture.

Make a note of the new locations and dates: Ada - Family Life Center, 226 Seabrook Road, Oct. 13, 20, 27 and Nov. 3.

Ardmore - CN Area Office, 39 N. Washington, Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26

Purcell - CN Area Office, 1603 S. Green Street, Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23

All projects will be highlighted through exhibit(s) during National Youth Arts Month in March 2007.

For more information, please call the arts in education staff: Laura Morrison, manager, Trina Jones and Kelly Reed, arts instructors, at (580) 332-1092. Enrollment packets are available at the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts & Humanities and the Ada, Ardmore and Purcell area offices.

Looking on the bright side keeps Chickasaw elder young



Elsie Lehman, with her daughters Leslie Weiss, left, and Linda Rowland.

Faith, family and a positive attitude have helped Elsie Lehman enjoy a full life of 90 years. She has seen her share of good times and trials.

One of her favorite hymns is "God will Take Care of Me." And that seems to be the attitude she has carried throughout her life.

"My philosophy is to just accept what happens and deal with it," she said. "Whatever happens, you deal with it."

When asked for her memories of the Great Depression, she said that she "instinctively knew I couldn't have treats."

Her memories, however, quickly turned to more positive thoughts.

"We always had a beautiful garden. We always had cows," she said. "We had wonderful food, wonderful vegetables and fried chicken."

Memories of family and her Chickasaw heritage are intermingled.

As a young girl, she lived next door to her maternal grandparents, Pineo and Martha Archerd, who built a home on a tribal allotment about two miles outside Madill, Okla.

"I am very proud of the fact that I am Chickasaw, because my mother was always proud of being Chickasaw," said Mrs. Lehman, who added that she still keeps up with what is going on with the Chickasaw Nation.

"I am so impressed by the progress the tribe is making," she said. "I think Gov. Anoatubby is doing a wonderful job."

Her father, Frederick Bismark Jones, was a graduate of Okla-

homa A&M, now Oklahoma State University. He earned his living as a farmer and owner of a feed store, grainary and hatchery in Madill.

Her mother, Maude Archerd, attended Bloomfield Academy, where she studied painting, and produced a work of art which was exhibited at the World's Fair.

Asked if her mother pursued a career in art, Mrs. Lehman answered that her mother had given up painting after getting married to raise a family.

That example of devotion to family was only one of many expressed by Mrs. Lehman, who used the phrase "family is your lifeline" several times during the conversation.

She fondly remembered extended family enjoying Sunday dinner together after services at the Methodist Church.

Her father was a Sunday school teacher. Her mother was also active in the ladies' organization of the church.

"From the time I could walk, I went to the Methodist Church," said Mrs. Lehman, who also remembers attending Wednesday night prayer meetings.

While she said that she had lived a wholesome life, Mrs. Lehman did share a rebellious episode from her early childhood.

Pointing to a photo of herself at age three with very short hair, she explained.

"When I was three, I had long banana curls. I got tired of my mother combing the tangles out. So I got behind a door and cut them out," she said with a broad

smile and a little chuckle. "And my father cried about it, because he loved those curls."

She said when her father passed away at the age of 75, "it was a real shock, because he was still active. My mother moved into town and we took care of her," she added.

Her mother passed away at age 80.

"I miss her company, that she's not there," she said.

In one sense, those close family ties and strong religious upbringing remain with her as they have helped her make wise decisions throughout her life.

One example came several years after her family moved to Durant, Okla., when she was in fourth grade.

She and her best friend went out with two young men from McAlester, who were in town for a high school track meet.

Unexpectedly, the young man drove far into the country and parked the car. The two friends immediately suspected something was amiss.

"Bonnie and I walked all the way home in our high heels," Mrs. Lehman said with a fire in her eyes.

Some time later, while visiting a friend in Alma on a Christmas holiday, she met Clayton Lehman, the man who would be the love of her life.

After corresponding for two years, the couple was married in her parent's living room in Durant.

Although they had spent little time together, she knew he was the right man for her.

"I knew he grew up like I did and believed what I believed," she said.

More than 62 years of marriage confirmed her belief.

"He was very, very kind and thoughtful and generous," said Mrs. Lehman. "He gave me credit for having a brain."

The couple had two daughters, Linda and Leslie.

"I always felt bad he didn't have a son," said Mrs. Lehman, "But eventually he said 'who needs boys?' They had a very loving relationship."

She said while her husband was very close to the girls, even teaching them to shoot, he also instilled discipline.

"He was soft-spoken, but firm," she said.

Mrs. Lehman's daughter, Leslie Weiss said her mother was very a very conscientious wife.

"Every single day, before my daddy got home from work, she would stop, comb her hair, and put her lipstick on," said Leslie. "Maybe she had been cooking or cleaning the house all day, but when he was coming home, she stopped."

When they were first married, Mr. Lehman was working as an assistant manager at a local grocery store, but he had bigger plans.

He earned a pilot's license and took the necessary training to become an air traffic controller, a career which required the family to move several times, eventually settling in Tulsa.

The career also helped the family stay together during World War II, because his role as an air traffic controller was just as important as a military assignment.

Mrs. Lehman was a stay-at-home mom until their daughters went away to college.

"We had a nice peaceful life," said Mrs. Lehman. "We wanted the same things. I stayed at home and took care of the family and he did the same."

"He never even tried to play golf or anything like that, so we were all together."

After retirement, they moved to Colorado near a favorite vacation destination.

"It was a wonderful experience," she said. "Every day was a vacation. The kids would come out to ski and (bring) my granddaughters."

After seven years there, they returned to Tulsa.

After her husband passed away, Mrs. Lehman moved to Texas to be close to her daughters.

She lives in a retirement community where she spends her time cooking, playing poker, word games and visiting with friends and family.

"I play poker every Tuesday night. I invest \$10 and last week I left with \$21," she said with a grin and a laugh.

Her daughter Linda Rowland said her mother still makes wonderful rolls.

"Here in this facility there are a lot of people who store papers in their microwaves or their ovens, but not mother," said Linda. "She still cooks."

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A painting Elsie Lehman's mother, painted while a student at Bloomfield Academy.

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Contact Winn Harjo, (405) 941-3787 or Haskell Alexander, (580) 332-5304 (evenings) or (580) 436-9824.

Tribal endowment will promote teaching, research program

Chickasaw Nation partners with Oklahoma to fight diabetes



Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry make the diabetes research announcement at the Oklahoma state capitol.

OKLAHOMA CITY - A major tribal investment in diabetes research announced July 24 at the Oklahoma State Capitol is a critical step in the battle to prevent and find a cure for the disease, according to Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

"We are investing in research in the hope our children and grandchildren may someday live in a world without diabetes," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Many of us have seen friends and loved ones endure dialysis, suffer through amputations, and fight loss of vision because of the devastating effects of this terrible disease.

"None of us want to see our children and grandchildren experience that kind of tragedy."

The Chickasaw Nation will invest \$1 million this year to fund an endowed chair at the \$12 million diabetes research and treatment center the University of Oklahoma will build

on its Oklahoma City and Tulsa campuses. A second \$1 million endowed position will be funded in 2007.

Endowment income is used to supplement the salary of a faculty member, provide funds for scholarly research or enable a faculty member to develop special programs

The importance of endowed chairs is explained on the OU Health Sciences web site.

"Endowed chairs enable us to recruit and retain faculty members of national prominence whose experience and expertise make an exceptional contribution to teaching and the health care of the people of Oklahoma."

This new partnership with the state will complement a 2005 cooperative agreement with the Children's Medical Research Institute to establish the Chickasaw Nation Endowed Research Chair in Pediatric Diabetes.

"Diabetes is quickly reaching epidemic proportions in children and teens," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We must act quickly to turn the tide. Today's investment in researching methods to prevent and cure this disease could save multiplied millions on treatment, and may also save countless lives."

The Choctaw Nation has also pledged \$1 million to fund two endowed positions at the Oklahoma Diabetes Center.

University of Oklahoma President David Boren, who has Type 2 Diabetes, has helped lead the effort to develop a world-class diabetes center.

Boren also asked Gov. Anoatubby and Choctaw Chief Gregory Pyle to participate in developing the center, because he knows Native Americans

have a special interest in diabetes research and treatment.

Boren said the university would ask the state Regents for Higher Education for funds to match tribal investments, which would make \$6 million available to continue building the diabetes research team at the school.

"OU already has an extremely strong nucleus of diabetes researchers and physicians as part of the Oklahoma Diabetes Center, led by Dr. Timothy J. Lyons and Dr. Kenneth Copeland," said Boren. "To become one of the leading diabetes centers in the country, we have to continue recruiting additional outstanding scientists and clinicians. We are extremely grateful to the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations for this generous commitment to new faculty endowments in

diabetes."

Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry, whose mother died from complications of diabetes, has repeatedly praised tribal contributions as essential to the success of the diabetes center.

"This wouldn't happen without the partnership between the state of Oklahoma and our wonderful sovereign nations," said Henry.

The Oklahoma Diabetes Center will focus on diabetes treatment and prevention as well as cutting-edge research.

Groundbreaking for a Children's Diabetes Center is scheduled for September, and construction for the Oklahoma Diabetes Center is expected to begin as early as 2008.

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Chickasaw Cultural Center seeks your help

Chickasaw Cultural Center staff members are asking Chickasaws to help assemble as authentic and complete a collection of Chickasaw items as possible for the cultural center.

Traditional objects handcrafted by Chickasaws will be a very important element in the cultural center goal of accurately reflecting Chickasaw history and life.

An effort is under way to encourage donations of drums, flutes, ceramic pots, bows, arrows, gorgets, finger weavings, beadwork, stickball sticks and other handcrafted traditional objects.

The cultural center is also asking for other items, including:

Wooden bread bowl
Traditional cane or cedar flute

A nineteenth century pitchfork

A nineteenth century wash-tub

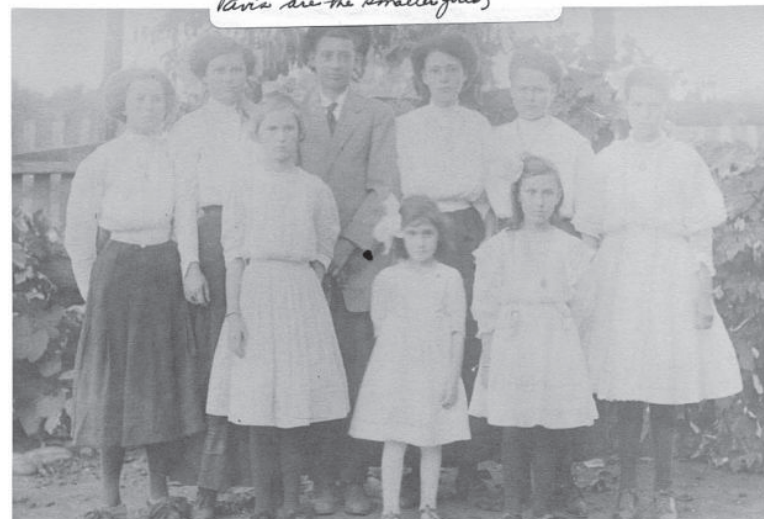
A nineteenth century wash-tub

A nineteenth century scrub board

A pre-Civil War Chickasaw Bible - to be donated or used for reproduction

A mid to late nineteenth century bible and cross

Contact Tim Baugh at the Chickasaw Cultural Center for more information 580-436-4783.



The Cultural Center is requesting assistance in identifying the individuals in this photo

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Fall Chickasaw language class schedules

September 5, Ada Chickasaw Human Resources Training room, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Ardmore Chickasaw Area Office, GED room 39 N. Washington 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

September 7, Tishomingo Chickasaw Community Center Gym, 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Tishomingo, Chickasaw Capital Bldg. 2nd Floor, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Connerville Senior Citizens 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Ada, Chickasaw Human Resources Training room 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

September 11, Pauls Valley Senior Citizens, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Sulphur Chickasaw Senior Citizens/Community Center, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Purcell, Chickasaw Area Office, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

September 12, Ardmore, Chickasaw Area Office, GED room, 39 N. Washington 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Ada Chickasaw Human Resources Training Room 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

September 14, Tishomingo Chickasaw Community Ctr. Gym, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Tishomingo Chickasaw Capital Bldg. 2nd Floor 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Ada Chickasaw Human Resources Training room 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Connerville Senior Citizens 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

September 18, Purcell Chickasaw Area Office, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Sulphur Chickasaw Senior Citizens/Community Ctr. 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

September 19, Ardmore Chickasaw Area Office GED Room 39 N. Washington 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Ada Chickasaw Human Resources Training room 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

September 21, Tishomingo Chickasaw Community Center Gym, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Tishomingo Chickasaw Capital Bldg. 2nd Floor, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Connerville Senior Citizens, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Ada Chickasaw Human Resources Training Room, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

September 25, Purcell Chickasaw Area Office 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

September 26, Ardmore Chickasaw Area Office, GED Room, 39 N. Washington

September 28, Tishomingo

Chickasaw Community Ctr Gym 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Tishomingo Chickasaw Capital Bldg. 2nd Floor, 6:00 to 9:00

p.m. Ada Chickasaw Human Resources Training Room 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Chickasaw Language

To pay	atobbi
To open	tiwwi
To finish	tahli
Few	chafoha, iklawo
Many	lawa
To not have any	ikimiksho
Lose	ikania
Once, one time	himonahma
Soon	chikossihma
To end, be finished	taha
What do you want?	Nanta chi banna?
What does he/she want?	Nanta banna?
Do you want this	Yappa chi banna?
Do you want that?	Yamma chi banna?
Do you want to eat?	Impa chi banna?

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS MONTHLY MEETINGS

---- Meetings are subject to change, please call the contact person to confirm.----

Ada Chickasaw Community Council

Ada, OK
3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm
Marie Bailey Community Center
Lura Mullican
580-272-5085
l.mullican@chickasaw.net

Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council

Connerville, OK
Tuesday before the 3rd Friday of the month at 6:30 pm
Connerville Chickasaw Senior Citizen Site
Emma Mcleod
580-371-2361

Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado

Denver, CO
2nd Saturday at 11:30 am, next meeting October 14th
Call for location
Carol Berry
303-235-0282
Chickasaw303@yahoo.com

Duncan Chickasaw Community Council

Duncan, OK
1st Monday at 6:30 pm
2414 Harris Drive
Sherri Rose, Chair
580-255-0152
Wildrose6739@sbcglobal.net

Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council

Banning, CA
Date and Location To Be Determined
Lynn M. Dorrough, Contact
909-213-7273
liknryn@hotmail.com

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council

Tishomingo, OK
3rd Monday at 6:30 pm
Call for location
Ann Fink, Chair
580-371-3351
Flora.fink@chickasaw.net

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council

Enos, OK – 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Enos Fire Department
Sara Lea, Chair
580-564-4570
Lsar747@duracom.net

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council

Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
3rd Saturday every other month
Next meeting October 21 at 3:00 pm
John C. Atkins, Chair
972-271-0692
Linda Hewitt, Secretary
214-543-1080
Lhewitt9@netzero.com

Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council

Oklahoma City, OK
1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Chickasaw Council House
3301 E. Reno
Linda Giles, Chair
405-204-0536
Lgiles20@cox.net

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council

Purcell, OK
4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Regional Office – 1601 S. Green Ave.
Keith Shackelford, Chair
405-527-5745
lowakchuffa@yahoo.com

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas

San Antonio, TX Area
Quarterly Meetings - Next meeting in October
Call for location and time
Michele Moody, Chair
210-492-2288
mmoody@docuguides.com

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council

Tuttle – Blanchard – Newcastle - Minco Area, OK
2nd Thursday at 7:30 pm
Tuttle Senior Citizens Building
Jeanette Haywood, Chair
405-381-4101
tomghaywood@yahoo.com

Chickasaw West Community Council

Temecula, CA
3rd Saturday every other month for lunch
Country Garden Café
Sharon Tandy, Chair
818-985-8392

Tishomingo Chickasaw Community Council

Tishomingo, OK
Thursday before the 3rd Friday of the month at 6:30 pm
Chickasaw Community Building
1109 Ray Branum Road
Jimme Sweat
580-371-9541
jimme_sweat@sbcglobal.net

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, KS

Wichita, KS
3rd Sunday at 3:00 pm.
Call for Location
Lynn Stumblingbear, Chair
316-945-9219
lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com
Pam Harjo, Vice-Chair
316-393-0696

Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest July 2006 winners

The Homeowners Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest is sponsored by the Division of Housing and is open to all families who are current participants in the Homeowners program by calling (580) 421-8855. The contest runs from May through August.

Two homes from each legislative district were chosen to receive the Legislative Award. The Legislative Award entitles the homeowner to a certificate and a free month's rent.

The Lt. Governor's Award is then selected from the Legislative Award winners. The Lt. Governor's Award is a \$50 Wal Mart gift card. The Lt. Governor's Award winner for July 2006 is Jesse McGee.

The four Lt. Governor's winners will be eligible for the Governor's award of a \$250 Wal Mart gift card.



Jesse McGee - Pickens District



Michael Young - Panola/Tishomingo District



Tammy Burns - Pickens District



Kathy Eagle - Panola/Tishomingo District



Tandy Ray - Pontotoc District



Terry Holman - Pontotoc District

Indian farmers, ranchers can investigate conservation contracts through tribal resource conservationist

Fiscal year 2006 saw over 400 contracts awarded to Oklahoma farmers and ranchers who signed up for the Conservation Security Program (CSP). Total project contract cost for 2006 is \$3,054,302, with a project contract cost for the life of these contracts of (2006-2015) totaling \$22,983,600.

Payments will be made under three tiers of conservation contracts capped at \$20,000, \$35,000 and \$45,000 annually. CSP contracts last for five years for Tier I contracts and 5-10 years for Tier II and Tier III contracts. Enrollment data for 2006 show that 99.6 percent of the applications approved include the complete agriculture operation, falling into the Tier III category for the most advanced conservationists. CSP will be available each year on a rotational basis in as many watersheds as funding

allows.

CSP is a voluntary conservation program that rewards private landowners for their ongoing stewardship of natural resources. CSP touches all agriculture production sectors from livestock operations to cropland and from orchards and vineyards to sugar bush and nursery crops. The 2006 contracts encourage them to further conserve and improve soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life, and other conservation purposes on their operations, while, at the same time, creating incentives for other producers to meet those same standards of conservation performance.

If you feel your agriculture operation is not ready to qualify for a CSP contract, there is something you can do about it. The Environment Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) pays incentives

and cost share to install conservation practices on agriculture lands. EQIP differs from CSP by qualifying farmers and ranchers that want to increase their conservation efforts to a higher level. Through EQIP, farmers and ranchers can achieve a level a natural resource management that will qualify their property for CSP when the program is offered in there watershed.

To find out more about EQIP, CSP, and other programs through the Natural Resources Conservation Service, contact your local Farm Service Center or NRCS Tribal Resource Conservationists. You can find them in the U.S. Government Section of your phone directory, the NRCS website www.ok.nrcs.usda.gov or calling Clay Horton, NRCS Tribal Resource Conservationists to the Chickasaw Nation at 580-332-8167.

Foster, adoptive parents gather

DAVIS, Okla. - What does it take to raise someone else's children?

More specifically, what does it take to raise children who have suffered from neglect and abuse? These are children who may have lasting physical scars, but more importantly harbor residual emotional scars forever etched in the depths of their little hearts. It takes a hero to help carry a child's emotional baggage and start them on the road to healing.

Currently, the Chickasaw Nation has more than 100 children in custody placed in relative, foster or adoptive care in the 13 counties. Twenty additional children are placed in homes outside the service area and in other states.

Relative, foster and adop-

tive parents and their families gathered at the Microtel Inn and Suites in Davis for the first Resource Parent Retreat on August 3-5. The purpose of the three-day retreat was to give parents information about behaviors of neglected and abused children.

"We wanted to provide answers for why their (abused and neglected children) behaviors can be dramatically different from children who have not experienced the things they have," said Arthur Ellsworth, Chickasaw Nation Foster Care Adoption Manager.

While parents attended sessions on topics like dealing with different personalities, the impact of domestic violence on children and the transition from dysfunction to a healthy living environment, the children went

to museums, water parks and to the tribe's Lazer Zone family fun center.

"We wanted the kids to just be kids for a couple of days and not worry about the day-to-day stuff most of them face," Ellsworth said.

Ellsworth said he believed the sessions were helpful and would contribute to a more cohesive family unit.

For more information on foster care and adoption call 580-252-4119 ext.13.

All accommodations and expenses were paid by the tribe through a grant funded by the Administration for Native Americans.

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Hundreds attend crime-fighting festival

ADA, Okla. - Hundreds of people gathered to be entertained by local talent, meet local celebrities, play games and enjoy free hot dogs and snow cones, all in the name of crime fighting.

Ada was among the 10,000 communities nationwide to host the 23rd Annual National Night Out in August. Ada's event was conducted on the campus of East Central University.

Sponsored by The Chickasaw Nation and ECU, the event was designed to heighten awareness of crime, violence and drug prevention.

"The Chickasaw Nation was glad we could be a part of this fun event that also helps create a safer and more positive environment for our city," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said.

Organizational booths lined the sidewalks, distributing social service information and goodies. The Chickasaw Nation Head Start gave out 124 brand new backpacks, while People's Electric Cooperative gave out mini fans to ease the heat.

Kids participated in games and activities such as the moon bounce, obstacle course and football throw.

Seven-year-old Ada resident Dawn Sledd said she had a great time at the festival.

"My favorite thing is the face-painting," Dawn said, while proudly displaying a colorful



Three-year Austin Britton chows down on cotton candy

rainbow on her cheek.

Citizens were able to meet law enforcement officials and see a canine demonstration of a dog capturing a criminal. Featured appearances included Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Lighthorse Police and Search and Rescue, Ada Police and Fire as well as the Bureau of Indian Affairs agents.

"Law enforcement is a team effort that no one person or agency can handle alone. Good communication between communities and law enforcement is the key to eliminating crime," said Lighthorse Tribal Police Chief Jason O'Neal.

Popcorn popper and Oklahoma Department of Human Services social worker Carla Taylor said although the carnival

is fun, food and games, the mission is really important.

"It is extremely important that the community is aware and our children are protected," Taylor said.

The crime-fighting carnival would not be complete without a drunk-driver obstacle course. Participants put on drunk goggles and drove a course to simulate the effects of drinking and driving.

All events were free and open to the public.

Last year, more than 34 million people nationwide participated in the festival. Ada's National Night Out is a two-time award winner for participation in the event.

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Back to School Bash



Katy Weldon, Tori Davis, Bailee Hatton and Dannie Davidson play a game of basketball during free time at the Back to School Bash.

The Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Division recently hosted a "Back to School Bash" for eight- to 14-year-old students at Camp W.O.W. in Gerty, Okla.

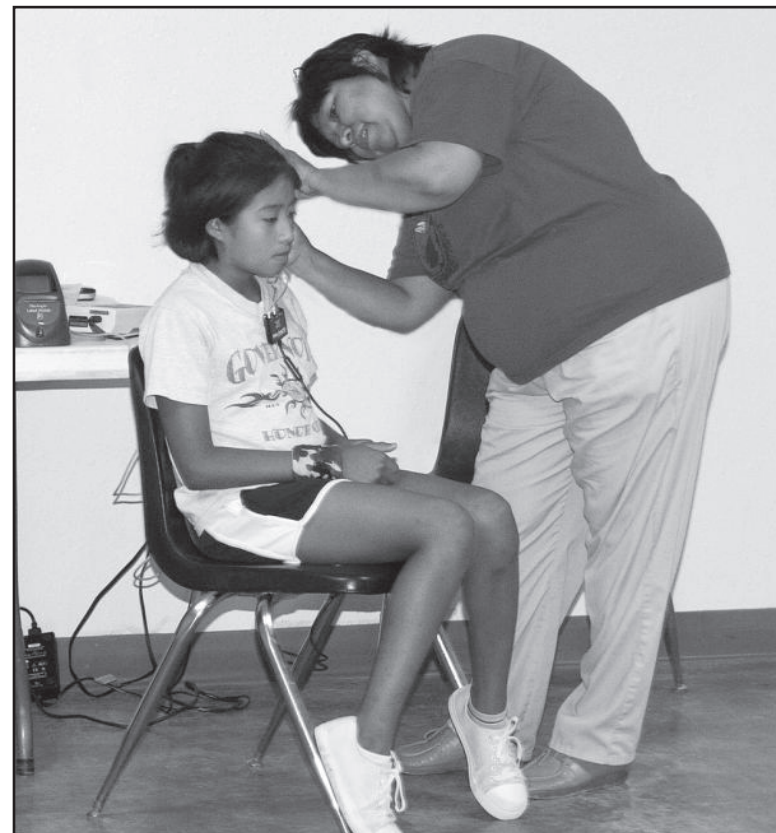
More than 70 youth participated in three days of fun camp activities and were able to learn about educational programs in which they can participate throughout the school year.

The camp included health assessments for every student which checked hearing, vision, blood pressure, blood sugar and

nutrition. The students also participated in sessions on healthy eating, good nutrition, character building, proper classroom behavior and etiquette towards those with disabilities.

Each evening the students enjoyed exciting group activities like a black light party and a carnival night. Throughout the day, they were able to take part in sports, games and waterfront activities between sessions.

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Chickasaw Nation Parent Involvement Manager Regina Anderson helps administer a hearing test for Back to School Bash camper Amanda Carney.

Camp Yakomichi teaches Chickasaw youth their history

More than 80 youth from across Oklahoma participated in the Chickasaw Nation's Camp Yakomichi on August 4-6. The camp took place at the Camp W.O.W. campgrounds near Gerty, Okla.

Camp Yakomichi, which means "this is the way," was designed to teach Chickasaw youth ages eight to 14 more about their history and the way of the Chickasaw people.

The three-day camp included a variety of sessions including language, dancing, history, culture, games, cooking and more. Campers were taught traditional songs and dances, the ways of ancient Chickasaws, how to prepare traditional foods, how to play stickball, how to recreate traditional summer and winter homes and many other Chickasaw traditions.

Several guest speakers visited the camp to share their expertise with the students including Tim Harjo, Leerene Frazier, LaDonna Brown, Joann Ellis, Eddie Postoak, Darrell Walker

and Gingi Nail.

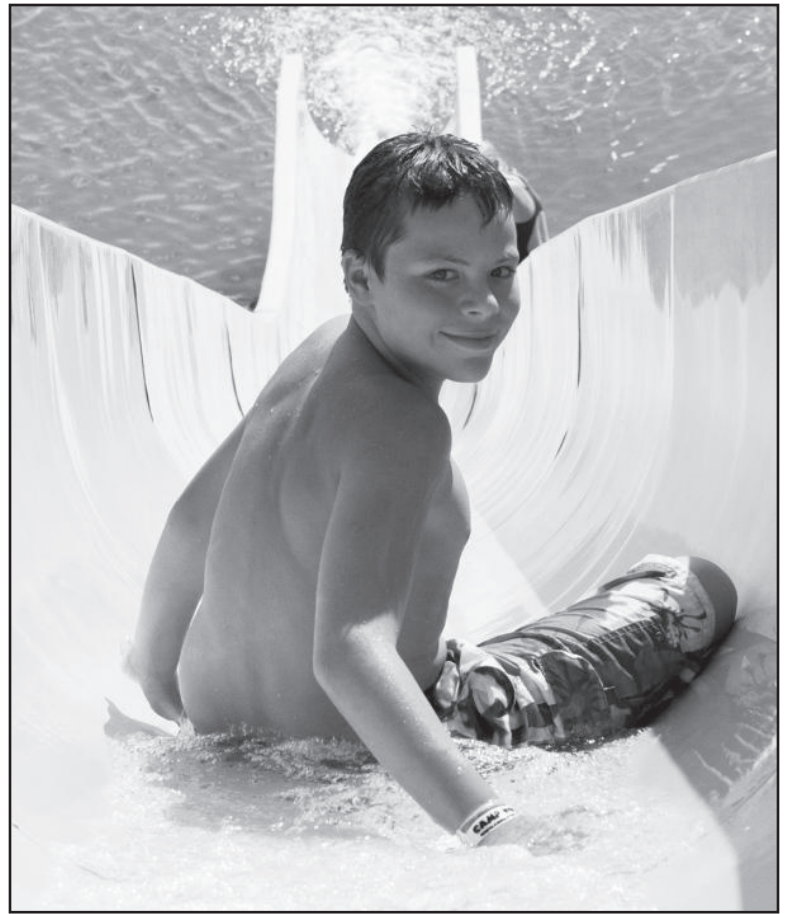
While at camp, the youth also enjoyed a traditional meal of pashofa, fry bread, grape dumpings, fried pork and beans. On the final evening the students

were able to apply their new learned skills at a stomp dance with the Chickasaw Dance Troupe.

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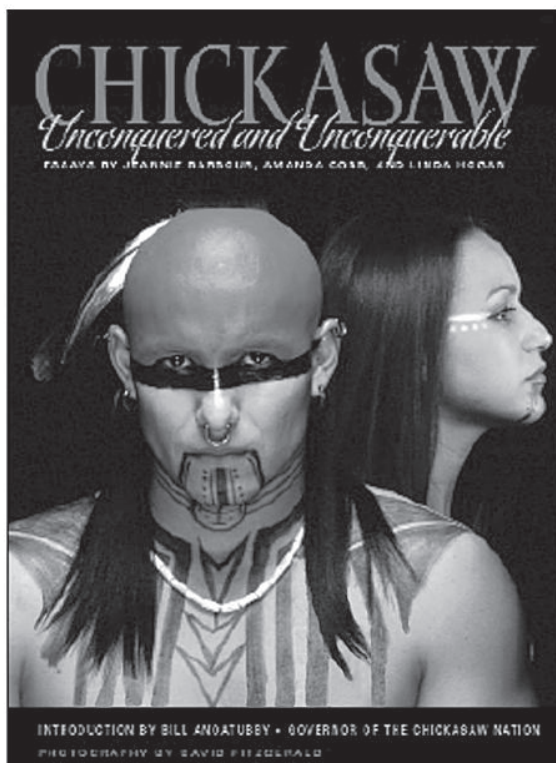


Camper Adam Walker concentrates on his bead making project while Blayne Walker watches him work.



Shakoda Wolfenbarger enjoys the waterfront activities on the super slide at Camp Yakomichi at Camp W.O.W. Campgrounds in Gerty, Oklahoma.

Chickasaw book launch and signing



**Historic Capitol grounds in Tishomingo, Oklahoma
Saturday, October 7th, 2006
1:30 p.m.**

Chickasaw: Unconquered and Unconquerable

Photography by David G. Fitzgerald

Essays by Jeannie Barbour, Amanda Cobb, Linda Hogan

Introduction by Bill Anoatubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation

The rich culture and history of the Chickasaw is brilliantly captured by renowned photographer David G. Fitzgerald in an engrossing synthesis of color photography, art, essays and recollections. This stunning book is a testament to the resilience and strength of the Chickasaw Nation, based for 150 years in southeastern Oklahoma after removal from their original homelands in Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee. Discover why they are called the unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation.

Join us in a celebration of Chickasaw culture and heritage!

Ataloa, Carter, Amerson, Wilmond new members

Chickasaw Hall of Fame inducts four



Shane Jett, left, with Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame inductee James Amerson and Governor Anoatubby during the awards ceremony.

Hundreds of Chickasaws and friends were in attendance as four outstanding Chickasaws were inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame Friday, August 11 at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex and convention center in Ada.

U.S. Representative Tom Cole, also a member of the Chickasaw Hall of Fame, served as master of ceremonies for the banquet event.

Inductees included concert vocalist Ataloa, former U.S. Representative Charles Carter, author Catherine Pickens-Wilmond, and director of Oklahoma Boy's state James Amerson.

Mary Stone McClendon, better known as Ataloa, who died in 1967, and Charles David Carter, who died in 1929, were each inducted posthumously.

James E. Amerson, and Catherine Pickens Wilmond were present for their induction into the Chickasaw hall of Fame.

Rep. Cole introduced short video presentations outlining the accomplishments of each inductee.

Rep. Cole expressed great appreciation for the accomplishments of all the honorees.

He praised the ability of Ataloa and Charles Carter to accomplish great things despite the difficult transitional period of history in which they lived.

"They managed still to project themselves and their people onto the world stage. At a time of the Dawes Commission at a time of great challenge and great difficulty, it's that spirit of people like Ataloa and others who had

it and projected it and preserved it and passed it on to others that allow us to be here and enjoy this remarkable evening.

"Charles Carter was probably the first Native American to serve in Congress," said Rep. Cole on the video presentation. "He was a fierce defender of our rights. He helped extend the right to vote to all Native Americans.

"He sponsored several pieces of major legislation, not only dealing with Indian affairs, but also a road building program that was national in scope."

Robert Perry said Rep. Carter had been a very important role model for his family. He said that "a culture dies when it no longer has heroes for its children." He added that Mr. Carter deserved credit for being one of the heroes who had helped keep



U.S. Representative Tom Cole accepted his Hall of Fame medal and one on behalf of his mother, the late Helen Cole. Neither were able to attend the ceremony when they were originally inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

the Chickasaw culture alive.

Richard Green had high praise for the nationally renowned concert vocalist Ataloa in the video presentation.

"Ataloa was not only an artist, she was an educator, she was a lecturer, she was a fund raiser, she was an entrepreneur, she was a publicist, and she also was an intellectual," said green. He added that she had left a great legacy for all Chickasaw people.

James Amerson gave thanks to God for directing his life.

He spoke with pride about the growth of the Chickasaw Nation he has seen and expressed his appreciation to Gov. Anoatubby, Lieutenant Gov. Keel and the

legislature for their role in that growth.

Mr. Amerson also spoke of how the people of the Chickasaw Nation recognized the importance of education even before removal and how they continue to place a high value on education today and for future generations.

Catherine Pickens-Wilmond made some of her remarks in the Chickasaw language. She offered thanks to Gov. Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Keel for all they have done for the Chickasaw people.

She also expressed appreciation for the Chickasaw speakers in the area who helped in compiling the dictionary.

Ataloa (Mary Stone McClendon)

Ataloa, a cousin of Te Ata Fisher, was a nationally renowned concert vocalist, educator, and advocate for Native American education and fine arts.

Her education included studies at Columbia University, the International Institute of John D. Rockefeller, Oklahoma College for Women, University of Redlands among other institutes.

As a performer, Ataloa received accolades for her poise, culture, personality and rich contralto voice.

Those who witnessed performances said she had the ability to understand the Indian heart through her program of Indian songs, legends and ceremonials.

She abandoned her career as a performer, however, to take apposition as a teacher at Bacone College at Muskogee.

Following her career at Bacone, Ataloa taught at the prestigious Idyllwild School of Music and Arts from 1950 to 1963.

Charles David Carter

Mr. Carter was one of the first Indians elected to represent Oklahoma in the U.S. Congress. He represented southern Oklahoma in that body from 1906 to 1927.

After his service in Congress, he served from 1927 to 1929 as a member of the State Highway

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Robert Perry accepted the award for the late Congressman Charles Carter, who was posthumously inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.



Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductee Catherine Wilmond with Governor Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Keel during the awards ceremony.

Summer Youth program providing 'keys to success'



Shawn Langford is a college student. He is working in a housing development learning to operate heavy equipment.

A total of 675 young people from ages 14-21 participated in the Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth Program this year. Whether gaining real world work experience in tribal operations, health systems, businesses or at non-profit organizations, the eight weeks of paid employment allowed participants to acquire new skills and increase their educations.

"The program helps build self-esteem and create the next generation of leaders," said Pat Woods, Chickasaw Nation Program Operations Administrator and overseer of the summer youth program.

Chisholm Trail Heritage Cen-

ter Museum Coordinator Cova Williams said with the three summer youth workers she hosted, her team was able to complete many projects without spending money on labor. Williams also said the young workers showed a great deal of personal improvement on their social skills as they greeted the public and answered phones.

"I have changed my attitude because of this summer experience," summer youth worker Alisha Day said. "Before, I would always hide myself from people, but now I learned to work with people."

A new addition to the program this year was WorkKeys test-

ing for participants ages 18-21. WorkKeys is a testing system developed by American College Testing (ACT) to measure an individual's potential to succeed in the business and working world.

The Chickasaw Nation is one of the agencies test piloting the idea through the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. The testing system profiles more than 10,000 jobs from lawyer to parking lot attendant. Potential employees can be tested in nine skill areas including applied math, applied technology, business writing, listening, locating information, observation, reading, teamwork and writing. Scores are evaluated and skills are matched with job profiles.

Upon completion, a score of 3 being the minimum and 7 the maximum, participants received a bronze, silver or gold Career Readiness Certificate. The certificate is a portable credential that confirms to employers that applicants have basic workplace skills and are trainable for specific jobs.

Darrell Walker, Employment Opportunities Manager for the Chickasaw Nation, said one of the best things about the program is the opportunity to upscale your skills to fit a greater variety of job profiles.

Angie Gilliam, Chickasaw Nation Program Operations Ex-



The summer youth participants prepare to go to Warner, Okla., for a leadership conference.

ecutive Assistant and advisor for the summer youth, said the test is a great tool to advance efforts to get youth focused, experienced and career-minded.

"We recognize, identify and promote the talents of all of our summer youth workers," Gilliam said.

Work force development experts predict this system will be the new diploma in the future. Employers across the country complain that graduates, both high school and college, are not job ready because academic competencies are often not supported by workplace skills. Employers hope this new system will prepare graduates for the workforce and reduce hiring cost.

The test and certificates are also available through the Chickasaw Nation Office of Employment Opportunities at 580-436-7294.

The 14-17 year-olds devel-

oped their skills in another way, through tutoring. The summer youth workers were pre-tested in reading and math, tutored throughout the eight weeks and post tested to gauge improvements.

Leadership skills were also cultivated. 37 kids participated in a three-day leadership conference in Warner, Okla. at Connors State College that featured an MTV life coach as a speaker.

To be eligible for the summer youth program applicants must be Native American with a CDIB card (Chickasaw preference), income eligible and live inside the Chickasaw Nation boundaries. All positions are paid minimum wage and students usually work 40 hours a week. The deadline to apply is usually in May and applicants find out within two to three weeks if they qualify.

Contributed by Kandis Murdock, tribal media relations.

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Commission.

Born near Boggy Depot in 1868, Mr. Carter became auditor of public accounts for the Chickasaw Nation in 1892.

He served as a member of the Chickasaw Council in 1895 and as Superintendent of Chickasaw nation schools in 1897. Later in 1897 President William McKinley appointed Mr. Carter as mining trustee of Indian Territory, a position he held for four years.

James E. Amerson

Mr. Amerson serves as director of Oklahoma Boy's State, a program designed to teach citizenship. He served as assistant director of that organization for seven years prior to his appointment as director.

A self-employed engineer, he has also had an outstanding

career as a coach and in service to the American Legion.

In 1998 he was the first Native American to be elected Commander of the State American Legion. He presently serves as the American Legion national representative for Oklahoma on foreign affairs.

Amerson served as a combat tank commander in the famed 45th Infantry Division, 179th Heavy Tank Company in Korea.

Catherine Pickens Wilmond

Mrs. Wilmond is co-author of *Chickasaw: An Analytical Dictionary*, published by the University of Oklahoma Press in 1994.

This analytical dictionary is one of the resources used in

language classes taught by the Chickasaw Nation.

Mrs. Wilmond worked with linguistics professor Pamela Munro to record the language from more than 40 Chickasaw speakers to complete the dictionary.

Mrs. Wilmond has also helped teach linguistics classes at the University of California, Los Angeles. She also makes guest appearances in Native American studies classes at UCLA. She has also addressed audiences at Pomona College and new Mexico University.

Recently, Mrs. Wilmond and Munro completed a teaching grammar of the Chickasaw language which has been accepted for publication by the University of Oklahoma Press. Tony Choate, tribal media relations.



Danielle Frazier being tutored by Summer Youth counselor Sherri Gregory. She works at a local home health agency.

Chickasaw actors in the forefront of 'TeAta'



Sixteen-year-old Chickasaw actor Brandon Blankenship performs the song and dance routine "Ode to the Peg Leg Pirates" with fellow chorus member Terrence Wright while actress Donna Couteau Brooks, who plays elder TeAta, looks on.

CHICKASHA, Okla. - Chickasaw playwright JulyLee Oliva said that the opening of the *TeAta World Premiere* was a "dream come true." The production also made dreams come true for six other Chickasaws who were able to be a part of the first ever stage performance depicting the life of the legendary Chickasaw storyteller.

Chickasaw actors Brandon Blankenship, Julie Ray Burwell, Robert Cheadle, Nancy Goate, Tana Takes Horse and production staff member Courtney Parchcorn were all delighted to be a part of telling TeAta's story.

"It's an honor for me to represent my family and the Chickasaw Nation in this play," Cheadle said. "(TeAta) opened a lot of doors for Native American artists."

Cheadle is an award winning Chickasaw actor who was selected to be a in the production's chorus. Prior to *TeAta*, he had acted professionally early in his career and earned the Actor of the Year Award from the National Thespian Society in 1963 for his role in *The King and I*. He has been a member of the Chickasaw Nation Living History Players for the past eight years and currently works for the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature.

Also employed by the Chicka-

saw Nation is *TeAta* chorus member, Julie Ray Burwell. She is a co-member of the Living History Players with Cheadle and is the director of special events for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities. Also a singer, Burwell has performed in several shows at East Central University and in the Ada community with Act II Theatre.

Nancy Goate's background in music helped her land a role in the chorus. She has spent the last 25 years singing and ministering with a gospel music group, Lively Stones, throughout the United States and Canada. She has performed both on stage and on radio stations across the nation.

Tana Takes Horse, who was not only in the chorus but served as the understudy to the "Young TeAta" character, has had years of dance and vocal training. She has performed extensively in professional and community theatre, including multiple productions at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. She was member of the Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival and was privileged to perform in *The Trail of Tears* drama. Miss Takes Horse has experience in pageant competition as well. She was crowned Miss Indian Oklahoma in 2005.



Julie Ray Burwell and Robert Cheadle depict a New York street scene in the *TeAta World Premiere*. Burwell and Cheadle are two Chickasaw actors who were part of the play's outstanding cast.

The youngest member of the *TeAta* cast, 16-year-old Brandon Blankenship, played the role of "Snake" as well as performed with the chorus. This was Brandon's first time on the professional stage but he has starred in several high school productions. Coming from a singing background, he has competed in multiple vocal competitions statewide through school and church and has been a member of the Chickasaw Children's Choir for three years.

"This is a great play," Brandon said. "I'm just thrilled to be a part of it. Working with all the actors was awesome. The costumes and music and choreography were just great."

Another young Chickasaw who took part in the production was Courtney Parchcorn,

16, who worked with the *TeAta* production staff as a member of the backstage running crew. She gained valuable experience working under the costume designer, set designer and stage manager. Courtney is a budding young artist who recently won "Best in Show" in the 16- to 18-year-old division at the Red Earth Youth Art competition for her beaded flute. She participates in the Chickasaw Nation after school arts program and



As part of the production staff, Chickasaw teen Courtney Parchcorn worked under the play's stage manager, set designer and production manager as part of the backstage running crew.

is a member of the Chickasaw Children's Choir.

The play included several other American Indian actors and crew members including the two starring roles of "Elder TeAta," played by Sac and Fox citizen Donna Couteau Brooks, and "Young TeAta," played by Western Band of the Cherokee citizen DeLanna Studi.

The play earned rave reviews from attendees across the state and won a standing ovation from a sold out crowd on opening night.

"I'm so grateful to (Chickasaw Nation) Governor Anoatubby for being very supportive of the arts and this play," Cheadle said. "Through his vision this Chickasaw story was able to be told."

Brandon said of his time spent working with the production, "It helped me become a better actor, and being around the Native American actors helped me get in touch with my Native background. It was an experience I will never forget."

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Haskell Alumni reunion in October

All Haskell Indian Nations University alumni are invited to the 2006 Haskell Alumni Reunion October 27-29.

The reunion will be at the Biltmore Hotel, I-40 and Meridian Avenue, in Oklahoma City.

There will be a Saturday evening dinner and dance. Pre-registration fee is \$25 per person.

For more information, contact Leon Yahola at (918) 616-3757.

Indian students invited to write essays on 'my family's land in agriculture'

Five finalists in the Native Women in Agriculture Youth Writing Competition will receive an all-expense paid trip to the annual meeting of the 2006 intertribal Agriculture Council and Indian Nations Conservation Alliance Dec. 4-8, 2006.

Finalists will also receive other special prizes to be an-

nounced at the event.

Entrants should submit a three- to six-page essay about "My Family's Land in Agriculture."

Competition is open to Native American women and men who will be entering grades 9-12 in fall, 2006. Students who graduated high school in May or Au-

gust 2006 are also eligible.

Entries will be judged on creativity, quality of sources, organization and other criteria.

Deadline for entries is 5 p.m. Oct. 1.

For information call Vicki LeBeaux (406) 259-3525, fax (406) 256-9980, or email Vlebeaux@indianaglink.com

WinStar golf course now open

THACKERVILLE, Okla. - The new 18-hole WinStar Golf Course opened for business Wednesday, Aug 16.

PGA Golf professional Mike Hammond said he was very pleased with the condition of the course as well as the course design.

"Everybody who has seen it is excited about it," said Hammond. "We achieved a good balance between challenge and playability.

"It is a long course from the back tees, but there are no forced carries. You can see the target you are shooting at and you can see the ball land almost anywhere on the golf course."

Hammond played his college golf at the University of Oklahoma and spent some time as a touring professional.

He spent one year as assistant professional at Dornick Hills golf Course in Ardmore, and has spent the last 14 years as PGA Professional at Quail Ridge Golf Course in Bloomfield, Kan.

WinStar's course features generously wide TifSport fairways leading into smooth and gently undulating bent grass greens.

With five sets of tees, course distance ranges from 4,900 to more than 7,300 yards.

There is plenty of room to play, but it is very much a position golf course, creating interest and challenges for all player levels.

A 10,000 square-foot clubhouse with dining, meeting and banquet facilities has already begun to attract business meetings, golf tournaments and other events.

D.A. Weibring/Golf Resources Group, led by D.A. Weibring, a five-time PGA Tour winner and a two time Champions

Tour winner. The company has designed a number of highly acclaimed golf courses, including the Bridlewood Golf Club in Flower Mound, Texas. That course was rated the #1 Luxury Golf Course by *Avid Golfer* magazine in 2004.

Another notable course designed by the company is the Tournament Players Club at Deere Run, site of the annual PGA John Deere Classic tournament. Located near Chicago, the course was recognized by *Golf Digest* in 2000 as the eighth best new daily fee club.

Steve Wolfard, the Golf Architect for D.A. Weibring Golf Resources Group, coordinated the D.A. Weibring Signature Design.

Daily rate for weekends and holidays, including a cart is \$60 for 18 holes.

Weekday rate is \$45.

Discounts for seniors, juniors and students as well as multi-round discounts are available.

WinStar Casino's 190,000 square foot facility offers electronic gaming, paper-play bingo and off-track betting, as well as three restaurants, a deli and a 1,200 seat theater.

More than 2,200 electronic games are available in three distinct venues, including the recently opened and lavishly appointed Palace, as well as the Center Ring and Mariachi rooms.

Horse racing fans will enjoy the flexibility of the off track betting showplace, which allows expansion from the normal capacity of approximately 100 seats to more than 1,200 for big race days such as the Breeder's Cup.

Guests can choose from a variety of menus in four restaurants with total seating capacity of more than 500.

Top flight entertainment is featured at the 1,200-seat theater.

In addition to the Microtel Inn and Suites, which opened in June 2005, plans for the site include a larger hotel and convention center, family entertainment center and RV park.

WinStar Casinos is the Chickasaw Nation's entertainment facility located on Interstate 35 just north of the Red River.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.





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Native Women in Agriculture

Native Youth Writing Competition 2006

Subject: My Family's Land in Agriculture

Guidance on Paper Topic

We are very happy to announce this year's writing topic: My Family's Land in Agriculture. To help you in thinking about this topic, here are some ideas:

1. Write about your own family's land history...where is your family's land? What sort of status is it? Is it leased out to someone? Is it leased out by your Tribe? Is your family working that land in agriculture? What is your family doing with their land in agriculture? What do you grow?

2. What is your family's land history? If your family doesn't own agriculture land or farm, what happened to that land? Was it sold to someone in the Tribe? Was it sold outside the Tribe? When did that happen? What were the circumstances around that happening?

3. If your land is no longer in your family's hands or in agriculture that you know of, where was that land? Could you find it on a map? What year did the land leave your family? What is going on with that land right now?

4. If your land, your family's land, or your Tribe's lands or not in Tribal control right now, why did that happen? When did it happen?

5. Does your Tribe have a plan for identifying and planning what happens on Tribal land? What is that plan?

We are looking for papers that provide a history of your own family's land. We are also looking for papers that describe what happened when your family's land went outside your family's control, if that is the case.

Here are some people to talk with in researching your paper topic:

1. Your family – your parents, your grandparents, your great-grandparents
2. Elders in your Tribe
3. Tribal government employees or leaders who know something about land – these people might be:
 - a. Tribal Council
 - b. Elected leaders of your Tribe
 - c. Realty, environmental, natural resource, lands and leasing or other employees who have responsibility for land

Also, be sure and visit the Indian Land Tenure Foundation website: www.indianlandtenure.org. They have lots of great resources that will help you and your family learn more about Indian Land and Indian Land Tenure problems and what can be done to address these problems.

Don't forget to follow the guidelines for paper size, font size when typing, citation of sources, etc. that are on the flyer announcing the topic. Good Luck!



Chickasaw Foundation Scholarship Recipients 2006

Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship

Ms. Lillian Bartlett, Carlsbad, New Mexico, is one of four recipients of the Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). She will be a junior at New Mexico State University majoring in elementary education.



Lillian Bartlett



Tatum Burris

Ms. Tatum Burris, Newcastle, Oklahoma, is the 2nd recipient of the Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). She will be a junior at East Central University majoring in elementary education.

Mr. William Kimberlin, Bakersfield, California, is the third recipient of the Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). He will be a senior at California State University, Bakersfield, majoring in liberal studies.



William Kimberlin

Ms. Amber Tamez, Caney, Oklahoma, is the fourth recipient of the Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). She will be a senior at Southeastern Oklahoma State University majoring in elementary education. She is a past recipient of the 2004 Frederick L. Hill-The Hill Group Scholarship and the 2005 Mary K. Moreland and Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship.



Amber Tamez

Computercraft Corporation Scholarship

Mr. Brett Knight, Davis, Oklahoma, is the recipient of the Computercraft Corporation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 (\$750 per semester). He will be a freshman at Oklahoma City



Brett Knight

University majoring in pre-med chemistry.

Ann Eubank Health Scholarship

Ms. Jessica Gross, Mill Creek, Oklahoma, is the recipient of the Ann Eubank Health Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She will be a freshman at Southwestern Oklahoma State University majoring in pharmacy.



Jessica Gross

Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aisha Scholarship

Ms. Shannon Gilbert, Edmond, Oklahoma, is the recipient of the Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aisha Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). She will be attending the doctor of pharmacy program at the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy this fall.



Shannon Gilbert

Vinnie May Humes Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Mallory Wilmer, Round Rock, Texas, is the recipient of the Vinnie May Humes Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She will be a freshman at Texas A & M University majoring in liberal arts and history.



Mallory Wilmer

Judicial Scholarship – Law Student Scholarship

Ms. Meredith Presley, Norman, Oklahoma, is the recipient of the Judicial Scholarship – Law Student Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She will be a graduate student at the University of Oklahoma College of Law.



Meredith Presley

Irene C. Howard Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Kathryn Colbert, Ardmore, Oklahoma, is the recipient of the first Irene C. Howard Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$8,000 (\$4,000 per semester). She will be a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma majoring in zool-



Kathryn Colbert

ogy-biomedical/pre-medicine.

Bank2 Banking Scholarship – In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton

Mr. Chris Moody, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is the recipient of the Bank2 Banking Scholarship – In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton in the amount of \$4,000 (\$2,000 per semester). He will be a senior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in political science with a minor in honors history and finance.



Chris Moody

Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship

Mr. Elliot Stamile, Inola, Oklahoma, is one of four recipients of the Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). He will be a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma majoring in international business and finance.



Elliott Stamile

Ms. Brittani Stonebarger, Durant, Oklahoma, is the second recipient of the Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). She will be a freshman at South-eastern Oklahoma State University majoring in business.



Brittani Stonebarger

Ms. Talina Tidmore, Valliant, Oklahoma, is the third recipient of the Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). She will be a freshman at East Central University majoring in business administration.



Talina Tidmore

Mr. Parker Woodruff, Knoxville, Tennessee, is the fourth recipient of the Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). He will be a freshman at Middle Tennessee State University majoring in business administration.



Parker Woodruff

ville, Tennessee, is the fourth recipient of the Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). He will be a senior at Middle Tennessee State University majoring in business administration.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound & Educational Talent Search Leadership Scholarship

Ms. Kimberly Lewis, Ardmore, Oklahoma, is one of the recipients of the new Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound & Educational Talent Search Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 (\$1,250 per semester). She will be a freshman at Murray State College majoring in nursing.



Kimberly Lewis



Ambher Williams

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Chickasaw Foundation Scholarship Recipients continued

Thackerville, Oklahoma, is the second recipient of the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound & Educational Talent Search Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 (\$1,250 per semester). She will be a freshman at Murray State College and will majoring in elementary education.



Jason Downing

Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship
Mr. Jason Downing, Ada, Oklahoma, is the recipient of the Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship in the amount of \$500. He will be a freshman at the University of Oklahoma majoring in accounting.

Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship

Mr. Timothy Poorbaugh, Port St. Lucie, Florida, is the recipient of the Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 (\$750 per semester). He will be a freshman at the University of Alabama majoring in history.



Timothy Poorbaugh

Lillian Fowler Memorial Scholarship



Thomas Clark

Mr. Thomas Clark, Norman, Oklahoma, is the recipient of the Lillian Fowler Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500. He will be a freshman at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, College of Pharmacy.

Janet Shaley James Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Courtney Mason, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is the recipient of the Janet Shaley James Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She will be a freshman at Southeastern Oklahoma State University majoring in pre-med.



Courtney Mason

Frederick L. Hill – The Hill Group Scholarship

Mr. Jeremy Webb, Tishomingo, Oklahoma, is one of two recipients of the Frederick L. Hill



Jeremy Webb

– The Hill Group Scholarship in the amount of \$1,250 (\$625 per semester). He will be a freshman at Southeastern Oklahoma State University majoring in english education.

Ms. Lacie Crow, Calera, Oklahoma, is the second recipient of the Frederick L. Hill – The Hill Group Scholarship in the amount of \$1,250 (\$625 per semester). She will be a freshman at Southeastern Oklahoma State University majoring in nursing.



Lacie Crow

Donald D. Gunning Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Kelly Chatfield, Ada, Oklahoma, is the recipient of the Donald D. Gunning Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She will be a freshman at East Central University majoring in nursing.



Kelly Chatfield

Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship

Ms. Tawahnah Love, Ada, Oklahoma, is one of two recipients of the Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She will be a graduate student at East Central University majoring in human resources administration. She is the past recipient of the 2005 Wesley D. Brantley, Jr. Scholarship.



Tawahnah Love

Ms. Stacy Wesberry, Tishomingo, Oklahoma, is the second recipient of the Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She will be a sophomore at Murray State College majoring in business management.



Stacy Wesberry

Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Randall Hamilton, Ada,



Randall Hamilton

Oklahoma, is one of two recipients of the Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500. He will be a senior at East Central University majoring in business administration. He is the past recipient of the 2004 Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship and the 2005 Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship.

Ms. Stephanie Wilburn, Fitzhugh, Oklahoma, is the second recipient of the Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She will be a freshman at Oklahoma Baptist University majoring in biochemistry/medicine.



Stephanie Wilburn

Wesley D. Brantley, Jr. Scholarship



Rina Chronister

Ms. Rina Chronister, Ada, Oklahoma, is the recipient of the Wesley D. Brantley, Jr. Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She will be a junior at East Central University majoring in social work. She is a past recipient of the 2003 Donald D. Gunning Scholarship and the 2005 Frederick L. Hill - The Hill Group Scholarship.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants



Tisha Cully

Ms. Tisha Cully, Ada, Oklahoma, is one of five recipients of a \$1,000 grant (\$500 per semester) from the Chickasaw Foundation. She will be a freshman at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma majoring in computer science.

Ms. Emily Dean, Clarksville, Arkansas, is the second recipient of a \$1,000 grant (\$500 per semester) from the Chickasaw Foundation. She will be a freshman at Harding University majoring in business and marketing.



Emily Dean



Benjamin McGuire

Mr. Benjamin McGuire, Benton, Arkansas, is the third recipient of a \$1,000 grant (\$500 per semester) from the Chickasaw Foundation. He will be a freshman at the University of Arkansas majoring in mechanical engineering.



Edward Murphy

Mr. Edward Murphy, Lockhart, Texas, is the fourth recipient of a \$1,000 grant (\$500 per semester) from the Chickasaw Foundation. He will be a freshman at Austin Community College majoring in pharmacy.

Ms. Terri Spain, Purcell, Oklahoma, is the fifth recipient of a \$1,000 grant (\$500 per semester) from the Chickasaw Foundation. She will be a senior at East Central University majoring in nursing.



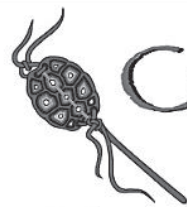
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'Its About Money'

Is it time to eliminate the penny from our system?



By ROSS HILL
CEO
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How much do you think it cost to produce a penny? Is a penny worth the time and effort it takes to produce it? Later in this article I will reveal the answer. But first, I want to give you some information that might help you with your answer.

When the penny first went into circulation, nearly 220 years ago, it was made of pure copper. Since 1837 the penny has been a mixture of everything from copper, bronze, tin, and zinc. Today's penny is 97.5 percent

zinc and only 2.5 percent copper.

Rep. Jim Kolbe, R- Ariz., is drafting a bill to overhaul America's currency system. The bill would most likely include a slow phasing out of the penny, create a reasonable rounding system, and increase the production and circulation of the \$2 bill as well as the Sacajawea golden dollar coin.

Regardless of the penny's fate, I am definitely a supporter of the \$2 bill and the Sacajawea golden dollar coin. I can't help but be excited when I see a \$2 bill because it reminds me of all the great services offered to all Chickasaws through their bank, Bank2. The Sacajawea golden dollar reminds me of our great Native American history! It was also represented on the first Bank2 T-shirts as a promotional item!

The penny does have its supporters. Polls conducted by ABC News, USA Today/Gallup and Coinstar all show that the majority of Americans want to keep the penny around.

In May, the U.S. Mint informed Congress that the cost of making a penny would soon exceed the actual value of each coin. The Mint estimates that by the end of the fiscal year, the cost of producing one penny will come to around 1.23 cents.

So what do you think? Should we keep or kill the penny? I would love to get your opinion. Log onto www.bank2.biz and go to the "Contact Us" section and scroll down to the suggestion box. Then vote by telling us whether you think we should keep or kill the penny. The first 200 people to respond with their vote by November 1, 2006 will receive more than just a penny for their thoughts; they will receive a FREE Sacajawea

golden dollar coin. No purchase is necessary of course. It is just another way for us to remind the Chickasaw family that their opinion is always valued at Bank2.

Ross A. Hill is president-CEO of Bank2. Bank2 is a growing \$85 million full service financial institution with headquarters in Oklahoma City, Okla. Bank2 is owned 100%

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Directory established for tribal entrepreneurs

A directory of businesses owned by Chickasaws is being created to help promote economic opportunity for tribal entrepreneurs.

There is no cost to be listed in the directory, which will include the name of the business, contact and location informa-

tion, as well as information on the goods or services provided by the business.

In addition to a printed directory, a web site will be created to enable electronic access to all information.

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Chickasaw Bluffs and the Mississippi in tribal history

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

By late 1905 it was clear that the business of the estates of the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations would not be finished by March 4, 1906, the date designated in the Atoka Agreement, which was signed by the two tribes and the U.S. in late 1897. To keep things legal and moving, Congress extended the life of tribal government—albeit in a largely ceremonial form—for an additional year.

Perhaps as a last gesture of defiance toward the federal government, some Chickasaws held an election in April 1906 and a former legislator named Peter Maytubby was “elected.” But the election was not recognized by the federal government and Douglas Johnston, the incumbent governor, was appointed by the president to serve a two-year term.

A few months later, the Oklahoma Constitutional Convention convened in Guthrie with Chickasaw intermarried citizen William H. Murray as its president. Although the population of Oklahoma and Indian territories was heavily non-Indian, Indians owned most of the land in Indian Territory and a majority of it was tax exempt for 20 or more years.

The delegates passed a resolution asking Congress to remove immediately the restrictions on the sale and leasing of all land except the homesteads of the full bloods. Homesteads were usually 80 to 160 acres. The election held in September 1907 ratified the new constitution and provided state officials and a congressional delegation, among them Chickasaw citizen, Representative Charles D. Carter of Ardmore. The delegation unanimously endorsed removal of restrictions and the Theodore Roosevelt administration enthusiastically agreed.

A bill removing most restrictions was drafted by Interior and passed by Congress on May 27, 1908. It was a model of political compromise: whites, freedmen and persons less than one-half Indian blood had no restrictions; persons one-half to less than three-fourths Indian blood could sell all but their homesteads;

and three-fourths to full bloods could sell none of their land. These restrictions were to be in effect as long as the allottee lived or until April 26, 1931.

Although Gov. Johnston had favored removal of restrictions for all adult Indians except on homesteads, he was adamantly opposed to the provision that ended tax exemptions on all unrestricted land. He said removing the 21-year tax exemptions that had been a part of the Atoka Agreement would result in “certain ruin” to hundreds of families. Because most Indian people wouldn’t be able to pay the average annual tax of \$100 for unrestricted land, Johnston said, their land would be sold by the state and eventually they would wind up homeless and penniless. This, he declared, would be “the price of statehood to the Indian.” In a 1908 speech, Johnston said although Chickasaws no longer had the legislative power to redress such wrongs, he felt certain that the courts would strike down this law which violated the government’s “sacred pledge.”

To maximize the chances for a favorable court decision he wanted a proven winner, and so selected J. Frank McMurray, a partner of a former South McAlester law firm that had in 1902 successfully challenged in court thousands of fraudulent claims made by people petitioning for membership in the Chickasaw or Choctaw nations. Although the law firm had not been successful in helping the tribes sell much of their mineral land, Johnston still considered McMurray a friend who not only knew the law but was politically astute, well-connected, and was audacious and resourceful.

It is likely that he and Gov. Johnston made a secret deal early in 1908 that would allow McMurray to represent the tribe in the tax case and assist both tribes in selling about 400,000 acres of their mineral lands. The plan would unfold at a series of mass meetings called by the governor in the summer and fall. At the Sulphur meeting in August the Chickasaw Treaty Rights Association was formed to resist the collection of taxes and to secure an early and just settlement of tribal affairs.

A committee of 15 members

was named to secure an attorney for the new association so that the tax case could be advanced. Although Johnston had not technically named the committee members he and McMurray were pulling the strings. Still, five law firms submitted fee proposals on the tax case.

The proposals were “evaluated” by a subcommittee and its decision was rendered October 21, 1908, at a meeting in Tishomingo. McMurray’s proposal was accepted. The subcommittee justified its selection on the basis of confidence in McMurray and the fact that he had not asked for a substantial part of his fee in advance.

McMurray would charge \$10 per head to each citizen signing the contract. He would accept cash or a note. This would cover all his work in the courts, Congress and with state officials. McMurray said he thought the case would eventually go to the U.S. Supreme Court because the new state, badly needing money, would not miss a chance to raise revenue.

The next order of business at the Tishomingo meeting was a talk by McMurray about the sale of the Chickasaw and Choctaw mineral lands and the tribes’ land in southwestern Oklahoma, referred to as the “leased district.” McMurray said that since the tax matter involved individual contracts, he would prepare a companion contract covering those unallotted lands. The contract made with each individual would employ McMurray as attorney to handle all the undivided property of the tribe (either Chickasaw or Choctaw) in return for 10 percent of any sum or property that might be paid to the individual via per capita payment from the wealth of the nation. This could be a huge payoff to McMurray. The 1909 appraisal value of the coal and asphalt lands was nearly \$19 million while the leased district lands in southwestern Oklahoma were worth about \$17 million.

The committee voted to accept McMurray’s proposal and all members of the Treaty Rights Association present signed a contract with McMurray identifying him as the Association’s agent on the tax and property contracts. Furthermore, several members also signed agreements

making them agents of McMurray; they would receive \$1 for each contract signed. Within a year, about 8,000 Chickasaws and Choctaws had signed the contracts.

But Oklahoma’s congressional delegation opposed the contracts. Also damaging to the hopes of McMurray, Gov. Johnston and the signers was the opposition of Choctaw Chief Green McCurtain who said the individual contracts were illegal; no individual could convey the property of the tribes. A large number of Choctaws signed the contracts anyway.

As soon as the Congressional Act removing some land restrictions went into effect in 1908, land speculators and grafters of every stripe sprang into action. Speculators, in keen competition with each other, rounded up groups of allottees, wine and dined them and secured their signatures on the deeds. It was reported that in one such festive setting the buyers had “carelessly” made out their check for \$3.50 instead of \$350. Other wide-spread methods for obtaining deeds included forgeries, fraud by guardians, kidnapping and murder. In a retrospective study, historian Angie Debo found that state officials had been overwhelmed by the sheer volume of crime and plunder perpetrated on the tribal members.

Still, Oklahoma might have provided a measure of remedial action to the tribes if Congress had given its assent. The state Legislature asked Congress for authority to negotiate the sale of the tribes’ coal and asphalt lands. Senator Thomas Gore and Representative Charles Carter introduced the memorial into their respective bodies, but no action was taken.

This was probably the last straw for Gov. Johnston. With the help of McMurray, the tribe would try other approaches.

Frank McMurray hired two former U.S. senators to help persuade President William Howard Taft to support the McMurray contracts, and members of Congress should that become necessary. McMurray and the senators met with select members of the Taft cabinet and told

them that 10,000 Chickasaws and Choctaws had signed individual contracts.

While such tribal support couldn’t be ignored, McMurray had his agents in Oklahoma send a mass mailing to Washington requesting that McMurray be permitted to represent the tribes in the final settlement of all matters. In form letters and telegrams, these persons also expressed their confidence in McMurray and noted that his past services had resulted in great benefit. Hundreds of these letters and telegrams were forwarded to the president.

Not on board, however, was Senator Gore, who sent a letter to the U.S. attorney general expressing “a most earnest protest against the approval of these contracts.” They were “unnecessary, unjust and unwise.” He noted it is the duty of the federal government to safeguard and defend the rights of the Indians. To that end, he authored a bill providing that such contracts must be authorized by Congress.

Meanwhile, as McMurray had prophesied in 1908, he and the tribes lost in the state courts. As he said, Oklahoma needed money and millions of dollars were at stake. Justices who agreed with the tribes that the allotment lands were still not taxable would be risking a recall petition. Arguing for the tribes, McMurray lost the case known as Choate vs. Trapp, and that decision was affirmed by the state Supreme Court.

On appeal, however, the U.S. Supreme Court on May 13, 1912 reversed the state court’s decision. The justices voided the part of the congressional act of 1908 that permitted unrestricted allotments to be taxed. As McMurray had argued, that provision of the 1908 act conflicted with the Atoka Agreement of 1897, specifically: “All lands shall be non-taxable while the title remains in the original allottee, but not to exceed twenty-one years from the date of patent...”

McMurray thought the decision in the Choate case signaled that the agreements between the tribes and the government would be honored. Invited by Gov.

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Sixteen Chickasaws in prestigious tribal internship

Sixteen fine young men and women ages 18 to 25 recently completed a summer of training, education and networking through the Chickasaw Nation Internship Program.

The student ambassadors program is designed to train young leaders to identify problems and implement lasting solutions through collaborative working relationships with government and business leaders.

The mission of the internship program is to work in partnership with government and business leaders across the country to provide an exclusive educational opportunity to the leading students of the Chickasaw Nation. The program is a tool to have a direct impact on the future of the tribe by nominating and supporting a participant who will return home with the experience to be a leader in the Chickasaw Nation.

"This program offers an opportunity for young Chickasaw leaders to gain valuable experience and relationships that will help shape their future and the future of our tribe," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "We are

delighted once again to have a group of bright and promising students. Their possibilities are just beginning."

The interns had the opportunity to train and work within several departments across the Chickasaw Nation in areas including marketing, education, justice, culture, environmental health, gaming, law enforcement, child development and more.

Kristen Dorsey interned with the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center to learn more about ancient Chickasaw jewelry which she is researching as a fine arts student.

"(The internship) is a big benefit because it's a hands-on experience working with people who do it everyday," she said. "You get to be right in the community. I was able to make great contacts for the future and the people I met made a big impact on me."

The students not only gain six to 10 weeks of on-the-job learning but also earn a weekly stipend and receive housing accommodations. The program is conducted at different times throughout the year in locations

across the country.

Interns can be placed not only within the Chickasaw Nation but also governmental offices, Indian Health Service (IHS) sites, environmental agencies, congressional or senate offices, Native American organizations and native owned or operated businesses.

"This was a unique opportunity to take part in things I haven't experienced before," said Josh Davis, who interned with the tribal Division of Justice. "I learned different aspects of the legal division and how professional and committed they are to what they do."

An internship brochure and more information about how to apply for the program can be found at www.chickasaw.net or by contacting Chenae Casady at (580) 436-7711.

Students participating in the summer internship program included: Jessica Bean, Cole Craddock, Josh Davis, Erin Diffie, Kristen Dorsey, LeeAnn Goheen, Ashley Hart, Chad Henry, Brad Jefferson, Kevin Kincheloe, Lalayna Lines, Aaron McNeill, Marissa Moore, Derek Prentice, Shilo Rogers and Christopher Walker.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.



The 2006 Summer Interns included, top row from left, Aaron McNeill, Derek Prentice and Chad Henry; middle row, Cole Craddock, Lalayna Lines, Erin Diffie, LeeAnn Goheen and Christopher Walker; bottom row, Josh Davis and Brad Jefferson. Not pictured are Jessica Bean, Kristen Dorsey, Ashley Hart, Kevin Kincheloe, Marissa Moore and Shilo Rogers.

Letter to Editor:

Our appreciation and many, many thanks to the Fire Fighters from the Bureau of Indian Affairs that responded to a grass fire on July 17, 2006. It started about noon in a freshly cut hay field on the Mike Moore land, two miles south of Ringling, Ok., east of Highway 89 and spread quickly to the Bigbie land on the east side.

The quick response from the Ringling Volunteer Fire Department, neighboring Fire Department and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Fire Fighters worked hard and fast to contain the fire that saved three homes that were in the direct path of the fire and probably the whole countryside from burning.

At 6 p.m. the Fire Fighters from the Bureau of Indian Affairs were still there putting out every little cinder which kept the fire from spreading.

The Bigbie land is my mother; Fanny Jewell Coffey Bigbie's Chickasaw Indian allotted land,

it's in Section 12, Jefferson County, OK. It has been in the Bigbie family one hundred (100) years. My mother was three months old when she was enrolled by my grandmother, Wolf Coffey.

Just over the hill from where the fire fighters were, is more of the beautiful land that my grandfather picked for his baby girl. Red Oak Creek runs all the way through from the north to the south. My brothers, our only little sister and I, spent our childhood playing up and down this creek. The Bigbie land now covers over 1800 acres of unbroken land surround this Indian allotted land.

Gene, Burke, Patricia and I again, thank you to my Indian Brothers for the professionalism and vigilance that saved this land I love so much.

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Johnston to address the Treaty Rights Association meeting in Ardmore in 1912, he said that the decision was the culmination of a "great quickening of the conscience of the people within the last five years" that will result in a fair settlement of all tribal matters.

He was being an incorrigible optimist, especially following the action of Congress in 1911. After Sen. Gore charged that an agent of McMurray attempted to bribe him in 1910, congressional hearing were held on that matter and to investigate the Indian contracts of McMurray. The upshot of weeks of testimony from a parade of witnesses was that Sen. Gore got what he wanted: McMurray would not be allowed the represent the tribes with the sale of their unallotted property.

Certainly, Gore and the members of the Senate investigative committee, felt they had saved the Chickasaws and Choctaws millions of dollars that might have gone to McMurray had he found buyers for the unallotted lands. On the other hand, if McMurray had been successful in finding buyers, the tribes would have made many millions of dollars. Realistically, the only thing the committee accomplished was to prevent McMurray (or anyone else) from having the

opportunity to close out the two tribes' affairs, permitting tribal members to be paid for tribal assets.

A few witnesses, who were not fans of McMurray, nonetheless had not shared the committee members' view that the tribes had been saved millions. One was Hampton Tucker, coal trustee of the Choctaw Nation. As the trustee, he knew that the mineral royalties over the last decade had amounted to about \$250,000 a year and most of that amount went to fund the two tribes' schools. However, he noted that most Indian children were attending public schools.

Tucker emphatically stated that the Indians need the revenue now. The government should live up to its obligation and sell the coal and asphalt lands without further delay. Repeatedly he drilled home the points that the government "had not acted in good faith," and that the Indians "have lost confidence in the promises of the government."

That the testimony of this highly educated, experienced businessman echoed the sentiments of so many other Chickasaws and Choctaws should have been more significant to the committee. His opinions were clear and forceful. He talked about Indians being bilked out of their land allotments and Indians

living on their allotments without any money to improve them while the tribes still owned--but did not control-- millions of dollars worth of land. Such testimony should have continued to ring in the ears of committee members as he second decade of the 20th century gave way to the third and the third to the fourth--while the value of the tribal lands dwindled and became, in effect, worthless.

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1961 Haskell Alumni reunion scheduled for September

The 1961 Alumni invites all Haskell Alumni and Friends to join them at a reunion in Albuquerque, September 15-16, 2006, at the Navito Lodge, 600 Pan American Freeway, 1-888-628-4861 or 505-798-4300 for the Haskell Reunion rate of \$69 + tax.

The Saturday evening dinner and dance pre-registration cost of \$35 per person is due by September 9. Send your check/MO to Loretta (Burgess) Bradford, 1402 W. 17th St. Claremore, OK 74017, or email her at dushkut@cox.net for more information.

Letter to Editor:

I'm writing to thank you for the recent article highlighting my volunteer work with the breast cancer research study-the Sister Study. Hopefully, the publicity generated by the story and others like it will spark further participation in this study, which is searching for environmental and genetic causes of breast cancer.

However, I think it is imperative that I correct a couple of inaccuracies included in the article.

First of all, one of the national partners in the Sister Study and a sponsor and benefactor of the Breast Cancer 3Day also mentioned in the article is the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Secondly, my honored inclusion as a featured volunteer on the Sister Study website was for my recruitment of Native American and Alaskan Native

women to the study and not for my volunteer work with the Breast Cancer 3Day. Although I do volunteer for both the Sister Study and the Breast Cancer 3Day, as a proud Chickasaw Indian, this point is very important to me and one I feel I must clarify.

In conclusion, despite the aforementioned mistakes, the fact that you cared enough to bring further awareness to the fight against breast cancer is truly greatly appreciated.

To learn more about the Sister Study, you may visit www.sisterstudy.org

To learn more about the Breast Cancer 3Day, you may visit www.the3day.org.

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Chickasaw Citizens

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General Resolution Number 23-086, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Stephens County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Duncan, Stephens County, Oklahoma, containing 35,741.31 square feet or 0.82 acres more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR23-086.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-086 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-087, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, containing 0.22 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve GR23-087.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-087 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number

23-089, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, containing 1.87 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. This resolution is presented as "emergency legislation" because it involves a sheriff's sale.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR23-089.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-089 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-090, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, containing 4.90 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. This resolution is presented as "emergency legislation" because it involves a sheriff's sale.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR23-090.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott,

Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-090 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report and asked to be excused from the remaining part of the meeting.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wilson Seawright

Mr. Seawright announced the Te Ata World Premiere Production was scheduled for August 5-13, 2006 in Chickasha, and the Hall of Fame reception would be

held in Ada on August 11. He concluded his report.

(H) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 23-007, Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 1, Article C, Section 5-103.18 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Prisoner Transport Fees)

This resolution amends the fees collected by the Chickasaw District Court for prisoner transport and specifically authorizes the Court to pay such fees from the Court Fund in certain instances.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve PR23-007.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

The motion to approve PR23-007 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott and Ms. Green introduced family members visiting from out of state.

Mr. James Humes requested the Legislators to consider setting up a probate office to assist with probate issues.

Mr. Mike Watson commented on issues regarding the election and per capita payments.

AGENDA ITEM #8

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs to adjourn.

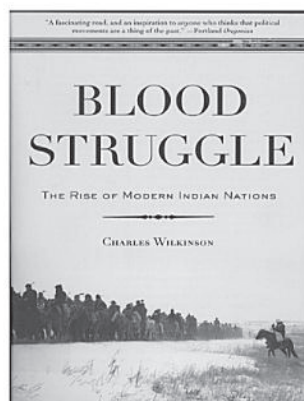
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Briggs, Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

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Featured Selections of the Month



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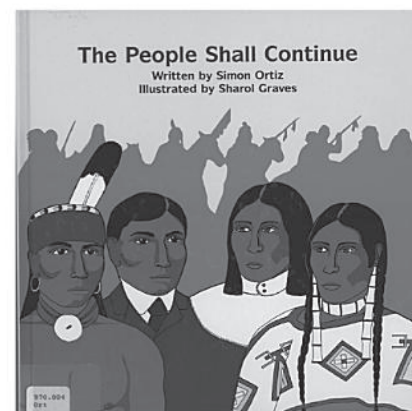
The People Shall Continue

Simon Ortiz

Illustrated by Sharol Graves

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William Erwin



Graveside services for William Harold Erwin, 85, of Kingston, Okla., were June 15, 2006 at Powell Cemetery. Mr. Erwin died June 13, 2006 at the Veterans Center in Ardmore, Okla.

He was born November 22, 1920 in Fobb, Okla., where he lived most of his life.

He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and was a member of the VFW, DAV and the American Legion. He was a member of the Chickasaw tribe. His mother and grandmother were original enrollees on the Dawes Rolls. He was a descendant of the Colbert and Love families.

He married Dorothy Yow Erwin Feb. 23, 1939.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Barnie McCoy and Tishie Hortense Nolen Erwin; his first wife, Dorthy Yow Erwin (May 4, 1970); a granddaughter, April Joy Erwin Burch; and three sisters, Dot Harrison, Polly Keck and Pody Stewart.

He married Melba Jean Taylor, July 7, 1976 in Madill, Okla.

He is survived by his wife, Melba Jean Taylor of the home; sons and daughters-in-law, DeWayne Erwin and Linda, Wendyl Erwin and Mary, all of Kingston, Okla., and Monroe Taylor and Arlene, of Ardmore, Michael Taylor and Michelle of McAllen, Texas; daughters and son-in-law; Alisa Grimes and Tom, of Ada, Okla., and Janase Lollis of Marietta, Okla.; 14 grandchildren; 13, great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; a brother and sister in law, Bobby Erwin and Maxine and Hoy Harrison of Kingston.

Margaret Alpha

Margaret Ann Alpha, 61, McLoud, Okla., died Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006 at her home.

She was born Aug. 15, 1944 in Atlanta, Texas to Stanley Johnson and Margaret (Wolfe)

Moss.

She attended Carter Seminary, Ardmore, Okla. She was a housewife and homemaker. She enjoyed movies, animals, music and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Cleve Calhoun.

She is survived by her children, Larry Wayne Alpha, James Wesley Alpha, Bert Allen Alpha, Diana Lynn Alpha and Adam Duane Alpha; seven grandchildren; brothers, Stanley Johnson, Charlie Johnson, James Calhoun, Bobby Moss; sisters, Ruth Ashworth and Kathryn Burton.

She was the granddaughter of Welborn Wolfe, an original enrollee.

Services were Aug. 15, 2006.

April Burch



April Joy Burch, 45, died September 6, 2005 at the OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City.

Funeral services were September 10, 2005 in Watts Funeral Home in Kingston officiated by Bob Smee and music by the Church of Christ Singers. Interment was in the Powell Cemetery.

She was born May 9, 1960 in Durant to DeWayne and Linda Herndon Erwin. She grew up in Fobb and graduated from Kingston High School in 1978. She attended Murray State College and Southeastern University earning a bachelors degree and later a masters in Library Science from ECU. She worked as a librarian at Kingston Elementary School, was a member of the Kingston Alumni and Powell Church of Christ.

She was a member of the Chickasaw tribe. Her great grandmother, Tishie Hortense Nolen Erwin was an original enrollee. She was a descendant of the Colbert, Love, Bourland families.

She enjoyed computer work, genealogy research and she loved to teach children the love of reading.

She was preceded in death

by her grandparents, Dorothy Yow Erwin, Dick and Alloy Wallace Herndon. She is survived by a daughter, Nina May Burch; a son, Joel Ross Burch of Kingston; her parents of Kingston; a brother, Tony Erwin; a sister and brother-in-law, Sonya and Marty Price of Kingston; nieces and nephews, Stephanie, Zachary, Nathan and Amanda Price; grandparents, Harold and Melba Erwin of Fobb; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Casket bearers were Jason and Steven Herndon, Urian Weaver, B.J. Bellettini, Jerry Adkins and Ronnie Yow.

M.C. Haddock



M.C. "Red" Haddock, 90, died July 10, 2006. Services were July 15, 2006 with Rev A. Leroy Brown officiating. Interment was in Rosewood Cemetery, Porter, Texas.

Mr. Haddock and his wife, Louise, celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary, March 1, 2006. They lived the last 10 years in Porter, to be near their son and daughter-in-law, Nick and Jean Haddock, and their granddaughter, Dana and her husband Bob Atteberry and their children, Price, Matthew and Jack Atteberry.

He is also survived by sisters-in-law, Virginia Chapman and Wauneta Blocker; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Russell D. Haddock.

He was a member of Wodridge Baptist Church, Kingwood, Texas.

Charles Adcock

Charles L. Adcock, 83, of Issaquah, Wash., died at the Gardens of Issaquah on July 5, 2006.

He was born Feb. 16, 1923 in Mead, Okla., to O.T. and Lola Adcock.

He was raised in Durant, Okla., and graduated from Durant High School.

He married Helen Hertz Feb. 5, 1970 in New Orleans, La.

He worked as an auto mechanic teacher for 23 years at Sam Houston High School, Houston. He moved to Redmond in March 1998 and to Issaquah in August 2001. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a Chickasaw tribal member. An excellent provider for his family, he enjoyed working on cars, listening to country western music and was always inquisitive and interested in people.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, of Stanwood; a son Michael Lee Adcock, Redmond; a sister, Virginia Cox, College Station, Texas; a brother, Kenneth Adcock, Durant; a stepdaughter, Janice Hertz, Camano Island; and a step-son, Donald Hertz, River Ridge, La.

J.W. Strickland

J.W. "Chub" Strickland, 86, Shawnee, Okla., died July 12, 2006.

He was born July 25, 1919 at Stratford, Okla., to Pearl Elvie and John Walter Strickland.

He attended grade school in Ada, Okla., moving to Shawnee his eighth grade year. He played tennis, basketball and football for Shawnee junior and senior high. He graduated Shawnee High School in 1938. He excelled in all three sports and earned a triple scholarship from Oklahoma Baptist University.

At the end of his junior year at OBU, he signed as a pilot for the U.S. Navy and served as a "Hell Diver" in the Pacific Theater during WWII. He was a fledging reporter at the *Shawnee News-Star* when he left for the Pacific. He sent many articles home telling of the action on the war front.

He received many medals and citations for his courageous service to his country and his comrades. Many of his medals were lost because of a flood in his mother's basement years ago. With the assistance of Rep. Kris Steele, his medals were replaced and given to him in an honor ceremony October 2005, conducted by representatives from the U.S. Navy, Gov. Brad Henry's office, Sen. Charles Laster's office and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Following World War II, he returned to Shawnee. He worked as the director of the YMCA and served as the director of

the local Red Cross office. He then secured the position of county clerk at the Pottawatomie County Courthouse.

He married Dorothy LaVerne Hitt Oct. 20, 1948 at Shawnee.

He became a realtor and opened Hitt & Strickland Insurance and Real Estate Agency with his partner and brother-in-law, C.B. Hitt.

He served on the Shawnee Board of Realtors as president in 1952 and in 1970. He and his wife worked to build his real estate appraisal business in the late 1970s and retired in 1988.

He was a life member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

His real love, life-hobby and passion was for tennis. He played across the United States in tournaments and won many senior championships. Throughout the years, he spent time on local courts with many Oklahoma state title winners continuing to give them a run for their money on the court, even as he reached the 70 and over age group. He was always looking for a game. He even took his tennis racquet with him during the war. He enjoyed playing tennis around the world.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Walter W. and Thurman W. Strickland; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Allie and Clyde Bert Hitt; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, C.B. and Betty Hitt.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of the home; daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and George Underwood, Midwest City, Okla., Debbie and Patrick Payne, Shawnee, Okla.; grandchildren, Deidre and Larry Buettner, Moore, Okla., Todd and Stacy Underwood, Derby, Kan., Angela and Bobby Johnson, Midwest City, Scott Penson, Shawnee; great-grandchildren, Brian, Lacey and Landon Buettner, Moore, Troy and Tyler Underwood, Derby, Cassidy and Colton Johnson, Midwest City, Bryson Penson, Shawnee; sisters, Nadine Wisler, Stillwater, half-sister Joann Chappell and half-brother Franklin Marlin "Buddy" Strickland; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were July 15, 2006 at Central Church of Christ, Shawnee with Dwyane Dennis and Robert Prate officiating. Burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Park.

2006 Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival

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<i>EVENT</i>	<i>VENUE</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>
Jr. Olympics	THS	Sept. 30	10 a.m. - Until Finished
Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament	MSC/JCSC	Sept. 30	9 a.m. - Until Finished
Golf Tournament	Tishomingo Golf Course	Sept. 30	9 a.m. - Until Finished
Chickasaw Princess Pageant	Ada Cougar Activity Center	Oct. 2	6 p.m.
Cultural Tours, Cultural Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds	Oct.3-Oct. 6	9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Kids' Fun to Learn Tent	Pennington Park	Oct.3-Oct.6	9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Chickasaw Nation Senior Arts & Crafts	Capitol Grounds	Oct. 5	9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
		Oct. 7	10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Cultural Evening	Kullihoma – Ada	Oct. 3	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards	Fletcher Auditorium	Oct. 5	6 p.m.
JC Riding Club Rodeo	Tee Pee Arena (Tishomingo)	Oct.6- Oct. 7	8 p.m. - Until Finished
Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments (Womens & Mens)	Jo. Co. Sports Complex/MSC	Oct.6-Oct. 7	7 p.m. (Fri.) 9a.m. (Sat.)
Chickasaw Citizen Registration	Murray College/Student Center	Oct. 7	8 a.m.
Chickasaw State of the Nation Address	Fletcher Auditorium- MSC	Oct. 7	9 a.m. - Until Finished
Chickasaw Artists Exhibition	Grounds behind Capitol	Oct. 6-Oct.7	10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Band Day Extravaganza	THS	Oct. 7	11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Parade	Main Street	Oct. 7	11:30 a.m. - Until Finished
Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet	Oct. 7	Throughout the day
Cultural Demonstrators	Capitol Grounds	Oct. 7	10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Chickasaw Lunch	MSC Campus	Oct. 7	Noon
“Chickasaws” Book Launch	Capitol Grounds Lawn	Oct. 7	1:30 p.m.
Pennington Park Activities Begin	Pennington Park	Oct. 7	10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Horseshoe Tournament Registration	Pennington Park	Oct. 7	12:00 - 12:45p.m.
Horseshoe Tournament	Pennington Park	Oct. 7	1 p.m.
Dance Troupe Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds	Oct. 7	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Finals of Fast Pitch Tournament	MSC/JCSC	Oct. 8	9 a.m. - Until Finished



MSC = Murray State College
JCSC = Johnston County Sports Complex
THS= Tishomingo High School



For additional information about the 2006 Chickasaw Annual Meeting & Festival, call 1-800-593-3356.